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BATMAN
AN AMAZING DRAMA THAT ROCKED GOTHAM CITY...
"The Mystery Rope!"
Now it Can Be Told!
The 100 SECRETS OF BATMAN'S SILKEN CORD!
GOLD CORD USED AGAINST MAD MUSICIAN
ELASTIC CORD USED AGAINST THE JOKER

LEAVE IT TO Binky
LOST--A FREE EDUCATION!
HOW COME YOU WEREN'T IN SCHOOL TODAY, TIM?
I WAS BUSY LINING UP A JOB FOR MYSELF. I'M GONNA QUIT SCHOOL, BINKY!
HECK, I WANT TO MAKE SOME MONEY NOW AND HAVE A GOOD TIME INSTEAD OF GETTING SOME MORE BOOK KNOWLEDGE.
YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE, TIM. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF AND TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU TO CONTINUE IN SCHOOL...
SAWYER'S GROCERY STORE
YOU'RE THROWING AWAY A WONDERFUL FREE EDUCATION THAT MANY PEOPLE TODAY WOULD GIVE THEIR EYE-TEETH TO HAVE.
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, BINKY...
LOOK AT ME! I HAD THE SAME IDEA FIVE YEARS AGO. SO I GOT A JOB WITH SAWYER'S AND WAS ON TOP OF THE WORLD.
SAWYER'S GROCERY STORE
AND WHAT HAPPENED? ALL MY CLASSMATES WHO FINISHED SCHOOL HAVE GOOD JOBS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT--AND I'M STILL AN ERRAND BOY AT SAWYER'S, WITH NO PLACE TO GO.
NOW I'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO NIGHT SCHOOL TO CATCH UP. DON'T BE A CHUMP, TIM! GO BACK TO SCHOOL!
WELL... MAYBE I OUGHT TO THINK IT OVER!
YES, EVERYBODY SHOULD THINK IT OVER--AND REMEMBER THAT EDUCATION IS MORE THAN PUTTING LEARNING INTO YOUR HEAD. IT MAKES A BETTER PERSON OF YOU--A MORE USEFUL CITIZEN, ABLE TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS IN LIFE YOU'LL BE FACED WITH!

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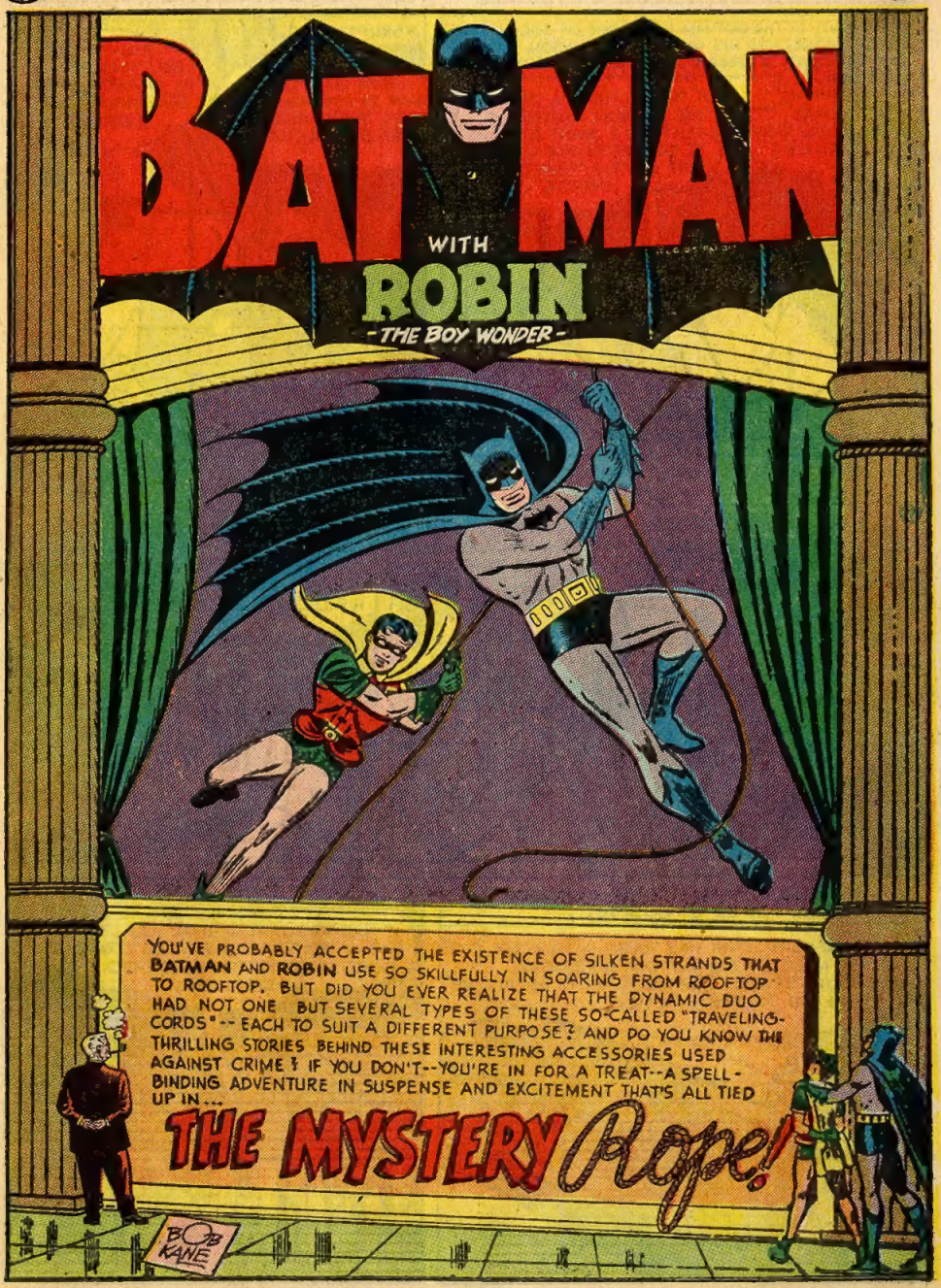
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
YOU'VE PROBABLY ACCEPTED THE EXISTENCE OF SILKEN STRANDS THAT BATMAN AND ROBIN USE SO SKILLFULLY IN SOARING FROM ROOFTOP TO ROOFTOP. BUT DID YOU EVER REALIZE THAT THE DYNAMIC DUO HAD NOT ONE BUT SEVERAL TYPES OF THESE SO-CALLED "TRAVELING-CORDS"--EACH TO SUIT A DIFFERENT PURPOSE? AND DO YOU KNOW THE THRILLING STORIES BEHIND THESE INTERESTING ACCESSORIES USED AGAINST CRIME? IF YOU DON'T--YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT--A SPELL-BINDING ADVENTURE IN SUSPENSE AND EXCITEMENT THAT'S ALL TIED UP IN...
THE MYSTERY Rope!
BOB KANE

ONE NIGHT, IN THE GOTHAM CITY HOME OF SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE, AND HIS WARD DICK GRAYSON, WHO ARE SECRETLY BATMAN AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER...
WHAT HAVE YOU THERE, BRUCE?
THIS IS FIBER V, DICK--THE NEWEST SYNTHETIC TEXTILE. I WANT TO TEST IT FOR POSSIBLE USE AS ONE OF OUR "TRAVELING CORDS"...
ABRUPTLY...
OH-OH! LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL HAVE TO POSTPONE THE TEST. THERE GOES THE BAT-SIGNAL AGAIN!
RIGHT! LET'S GO! TIME FOR US TO CHANGE INTO BATMAN AND ROBIN!
AND LATER, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
TWO THINGS, BATMAN! FIRST--WE'VE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT JINX BOLEY HAS ESCAPED FROM JAIL AND IS HEADED THIS WAY...
JINX BOLEY! I REMEMBER--I SENT HIM UP...A CONFIRMED JEWEL THIEF!
WANTED
JINX BO
AS I RECALL, JINX IS VERY SUPERSTITIOUS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT NUMBERS. HE CONSIDERED "7"--OR ANYTHING THAT ADDED UP TO IT--HIS LUCKY NUMBER.
PRECISELY! JINX ESCAPED AT 7 P.M. LAST NIGHT--THE 7TH DAY OF THE 7TH MONTH! AND WE CAN EXPECT TROUBLE FROM HIM SOON!
JULY 8th
THEN, AS GORDON ESCORTS THE DYNAMIC DUO TO HIS SPECIAL POLICE LIMOUSINE...
THE SECOND ITEM HAS TO DO WITH A REQUEST MADE BY THE GOTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY. PERHAPS I CAN EXPLAIN IT BETTER IF WE GO TO THEIR OFFICES...
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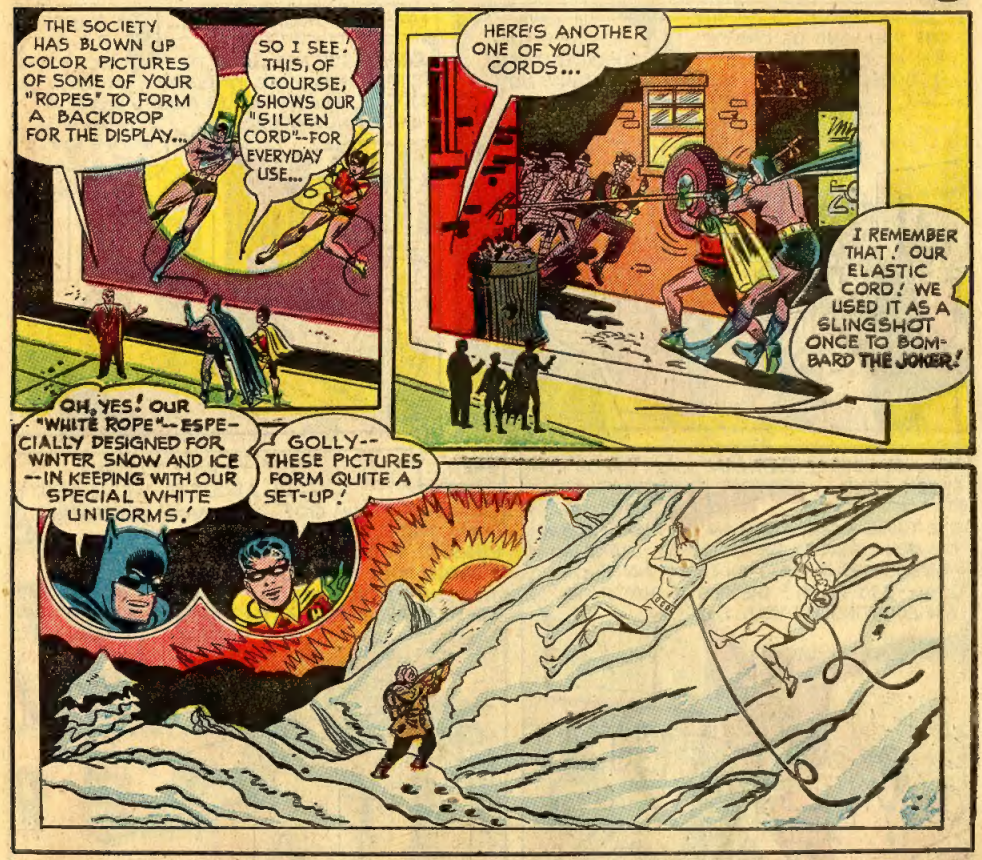
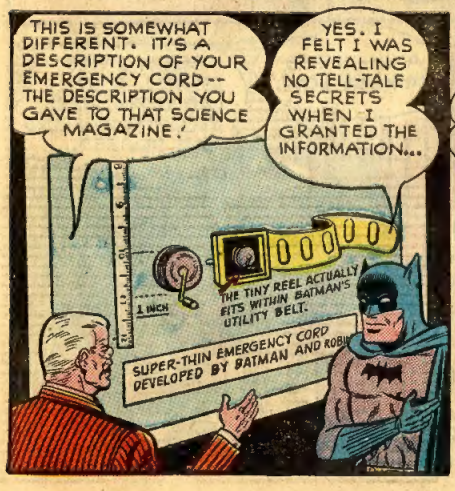
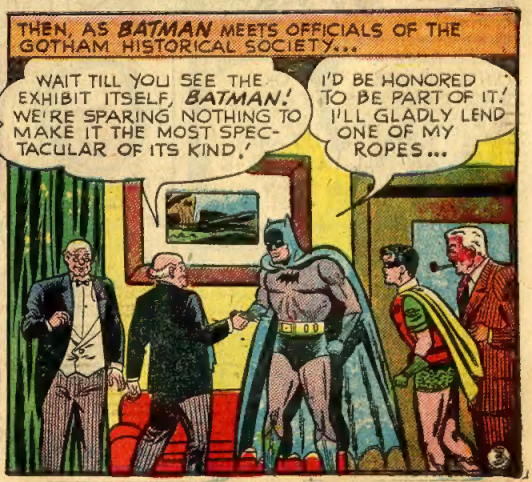
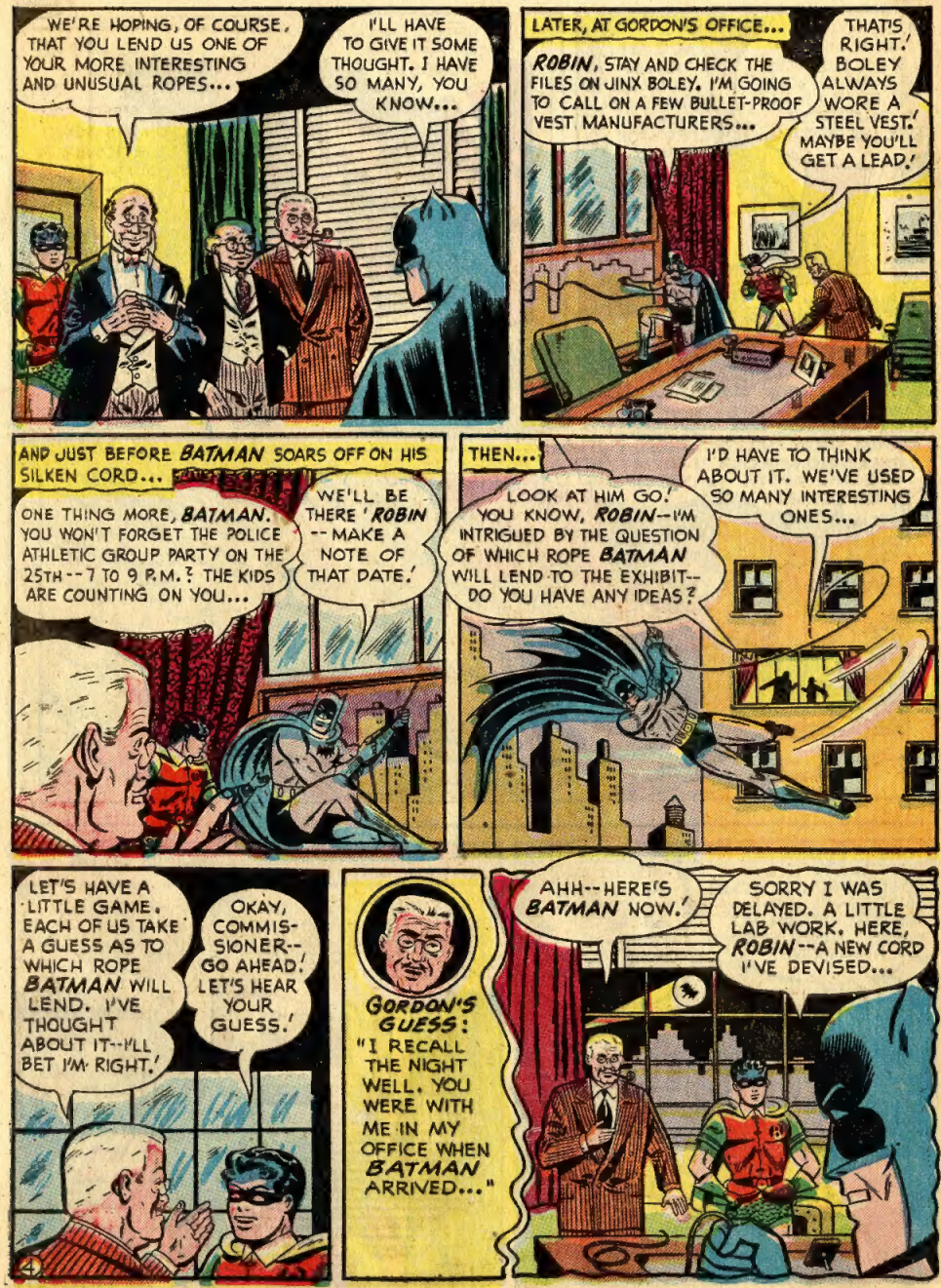
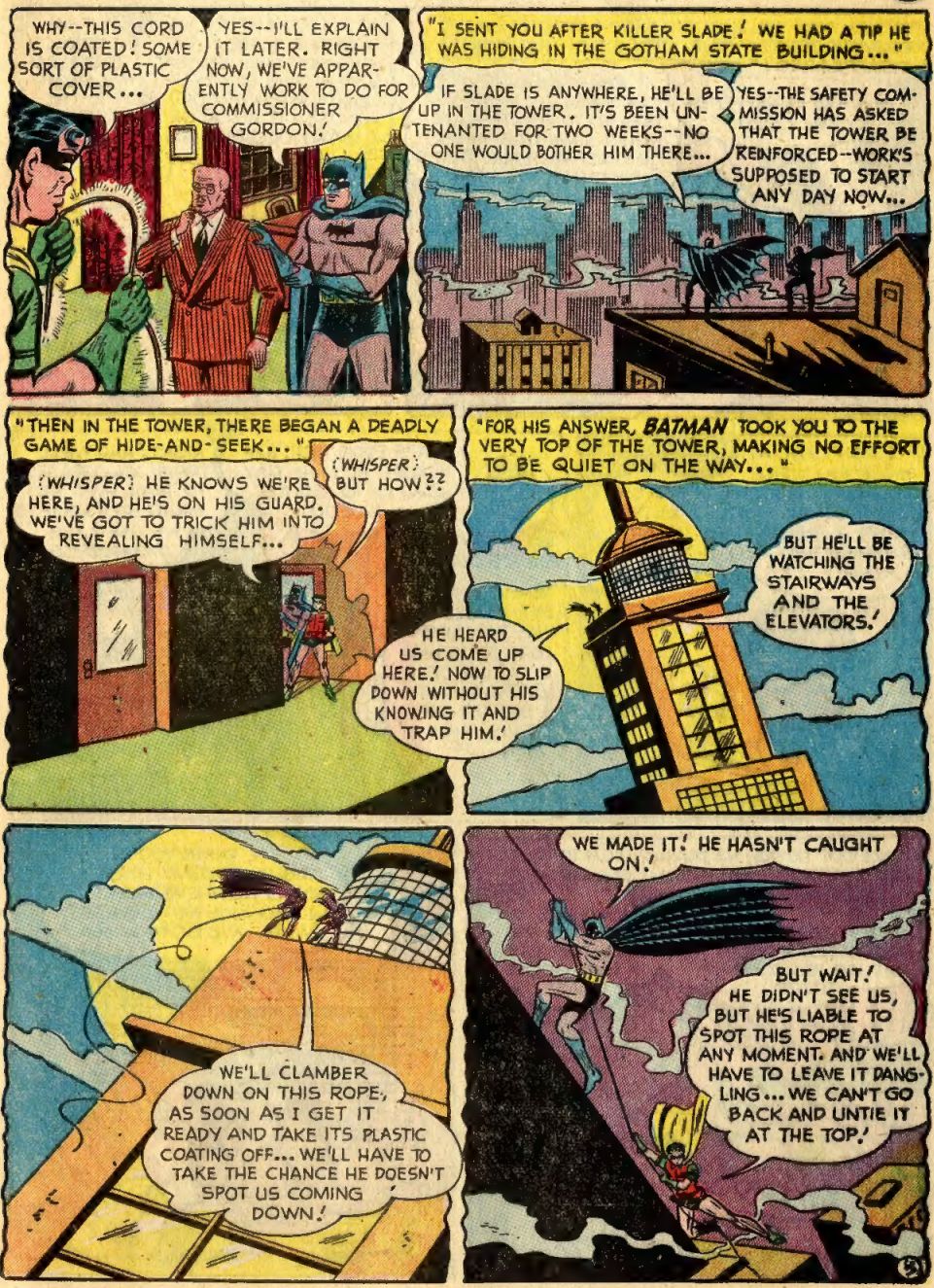
SOON AFTER... THE SOCIETY IS READYING ITS ANNUAL EXHIBIT. IT HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU LEND IT ONE OF BATMAN'S FAMOUS "TRAVELING CORDS" TO BE THE FEATURED DISPLAY...
GOTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY


THE SOCIETY HAS BLOWN UP COLOR PICTURES OF SOME OF YOUR "ROPES" TO FORM A BACKDROP FOR THE DISPLAY...
SO I SEE! THIS, OF COURSE, SHOWS OUR "SILKEN CORD"--FOR EVERYDAY USE...
HERE'S ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR CORDS...
I REMEMBER THAT! OUR ELASTIC CORD! WE USED IT AS A SLINGSHOT ONCE TO BOMBARD THE JOKER!
OH, YES! OUR "WHITE ROPE"--ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR WINTER SNOW AND ICE--IN KEEPING WITH OUR SPECIAL WHITE UNIFORMS!
GOLLY--THESE PICTURES FORM QUITE A SET-UP!


THIS IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. IT'S A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR EMERGENCY CORD--THE DESCRIPTION YOU GAVE TO THAT SCIENCE MAGAZINE!
YES. I FELT I WAS REVEALING NO TELL-TALE SECRETS WHEN I GRANTED THE INFORMATION...
1 INCH
THE TINY REEL ACTUALLY FITS WITHIN BATMAN'S UTILITY BELT.
SUPER-THIN EMERGENCY CORD DEVELOPED BY BATMAN AND ROBIN


THEN, AS BATMAN MEETS OFFICIALS OF THE GOTHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY...
WAIT TILL YOU SEE THE EXHIBIT ITSELF, BATMAN! WE'RE SPARING NOTHING TO MAKE IT THE MOST SPECTACULAR OF ITS KIND!
I'D BE HONORED TO BE PART OF IT! I'LL GLADLY LEND ONE OF MY ROPES...


WE'RE HOPING, OF COURSE, THAT YOU LEND US ONE OF YOUR MORE INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL ROPES...
I'LL HAVE TO GIVE IT SOME THOUGHT. I HAVE SO MANY, YOU KNOW...
LATER, AT GORDON'S OFFICE...
ROBIN, STAY AND CHECK THE FILES ON JINX BOLEY. I'M GOING TO CALL ON A FEW BULLET-PROOF VEST MANUFACTURERS...
THAT'S RIGHT.' BOLEY ALWAYS WORE A STEEL VEST.' MAYBE YOU'LL GET A LEAD.'
AND JUST BEFORE BATMAN SOARS OFF ON HIS SILKEN CORD...
ONE THING MORE, BATMAN. YOU WON'T FORGET THE POLICE ATHLETIC GROUP PARTY ON THE 25TH--7 TO 9 P.M.? THE KIDS ARE COUNTING ON YOU...
WE'LL BE THERE 'ROBIN --MAKE A NOTE OF THAT DATE.'
THEN...
LOOK AT HIM GO.' YOU KNOW, ROBIN--I'M INTRIGUED BY THE QUESTION OF WHICH ROPE BATMAN WILL LEND TO THE EXHIBIT--DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
I'D HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT. WE'VE USED SO MANY INTERESTING ONES...
LET'S HAVE A LITTLE GAME. EACH OF US TAKE A GUESS AS TO WHICH ROPE BATMAN WILL LEND. I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT--I'LL BET I'M RIGHT.'
OKAY, COMMISSIONER--GO AHEAD! LET'S HEAR YOUR GUESS.'
GORDON'S GUESS:
"I RECALL THE NIGHT WELL. YOU WERE WITH ME IN MY OFFICE WHEN BATMAN ARRIVED..."
AHH--HERE'S BATMAN NOW.'
SORRY I WAS DELAYED. A LITTLE LAB WORK. HERE, ROBIN--A NEW CORD I'VE DEVISED...


WHY--THIS CORD IS COATED! SOME SORT OF PLASTIC COVER...
YES--I'LL EXPLAIN IT LATER. RIGHT NOW, WE'VE APPARENTLY WORK TO DO FOR COMMISSIONER GORDON.
"I SENT YOU AFTER KILLER SLADE! WE HAD A TIP HE WAS HIDING IN THE GOTHAM STATE BUILDING..."
IF SLADE IS ANYWHERE, HE'LL BE UP IN THE TOWER. IT'S BEEN UNTENANTED FOR TWO WEEKS--NO ONE WOULD BOTHER HIM THERE...
YES--THE SAFETY COMMISSION HAS ASKED THAT THE TOWER BE REINFORCED--WORK'S SUPPOSED TO START ANY DAY NOW...
"THEN IN THE TOWER, THERE BEGAN A DEADLY GAME OF HIDE-AND-SEEK..."
(WHISPER) HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE, AND HE'S ON HIS GUARD. WE'VE GOT TO TRICK HIM INTO REVEALING HIMSELF...
(WHISPER) BUT HOW??
HE HEARD US COME UP HERE! NOW TO SLIP DOWN WITHOUT HIS KNOWING IT AND TRAP HIM!
"FOR HIS ANSWER, BATMAN TOOK YOU TO THE VERY TOP OF THE TOWER, MAKING NO EFFORT TO BE QUIET ON THE WAY..."
BUT HE'LL BE WATCHING THE STAIRWAYS AND THE ELEVATORS!
WE'LL CLAMBER DOWN ON THIS ROPE, AS SOON AS I GET IT READY AND TAKE ITS PLASTIC COATING OFF... WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE CHANCE HE DOESN'T SPOT US COMING DOWN!
WE MADE IT! HE HASN'T CAUGHT ON!
BUT WAIT! HE DIDN'T SEE US, BUT HE'S LIABLE TO SPOT THIS ROPE AT ANY MOMENT. AND WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT DANGLING... WE CAN'T GO BACK AND UNTIE IT AT THE TOP!

"IT WAS THEN YOU GOT THE SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE, ROBIN.' BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES, THAT CORD DISAPPEARED!"
WHY--WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CORD??
IT DISINTEGRATED! THAT CORD WAS CHEMICALLY TREATED TO DISINTEGRATE WITHIN 5 MINUTES AFTER CONTACT WITH AIR. THAT'S WHY IT HAD A PLASTIC SEAL ON IT.'
YES, I REMEMBER! WE CORNERED SLADE IN THE NEXT FEW MINUTES. THAT ROPE BECAME OUR "SELF-DISINTEGRATING" CORD. WE USED IT AGAIN ON MANY OCCASIONS...
IF I'M CORRECT, BATMAN WILL SUBMIT IT TO THE EXHIBIT--SEALED, OF COURSE, AGAINST THE AIR!
I DON'T KNOW. WHILE YOU WERE TALKING, I THOUGHT OF ANOTHER FAMOUS ROPE. I BELIEVE BATMAN MAY WELL SUBMIT IT.'
WELL--LET'S HEAR YOUR PREDICTION!
ROBIN'S GUESS
"REMEMBER WHEN BIFF HEDGES WAS THE CRIME LORD OF GOTHAM CITY? ONE DAY, BATMAN AND I SPOTTED ONE OF HIS HENCHMEN..."
THAT'S EDDIE HIGH, BIFF HEDGES' BOY! HE MAY LEAD US TO HEDGES' HIDEOUT.'
RIGHT.' AND WE'LL TRAVEL VIA OUR CORDS TO TRAIL HIM! HE MIGHT SPOT US IF WE USED THE BATMOBILE.'
"USING OUR ROPES, WE TRAILED HIGH TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN. BUT SOON IT SEEMED OUR MISSION WAS DOOMED..."
HE'S HEADED FOR THE MOUNTAINS. I DOUBT THAT HEDGES IS HOLED UP THERE.'
MAYBE HE SPOTTED US, AND IS LEADING US ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE.'
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN.' HE'S GOING NOWHERE FAST.' AND SO ARE WE--UNLESS.' WAIT--I'VE GOT AN IDEA.'
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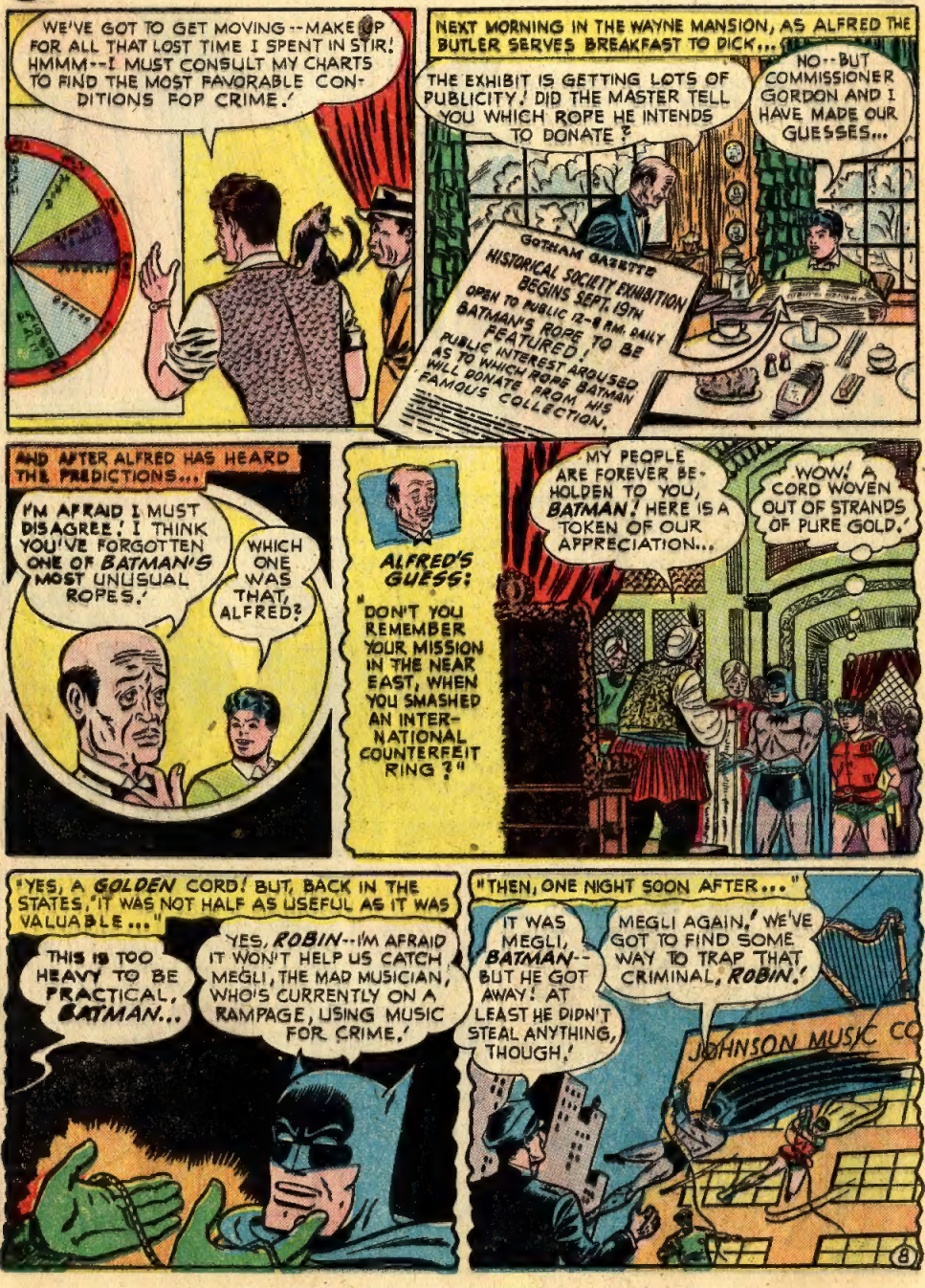
"MOMENTS LATER, HIGH WAS GREETED WITH A SIGHT THAT DID HIS EVIL HEART GOOD..."
BATMAN'S ROPE BROKE! HE AND ROBIN ARE FALLING INTO THAT POOL! WOW! IT'S A BIG DROP--THEY COULD BE KILLED!
THEY NEVER CAME UP--THEY MUST HAVE DROWNED! WAIT TILL THE BOSS SEES THIS!!
"BUT WE WERE FAR FROM BEING DROWNED! IT WAS ALL PART OF BATMAN'S PLAN..."
HIGH DOESN'T KNOW WE WERE USING OUR "HOLLOW ROPE!" WE CUT IT ON PURPOSE--AND NOW CAN USE IT TO BREATHE THROUGH!
HE THINKS WE'VE DROWNED. HE'S SURE TO RUSH TO HEDGES' HIDEOUT NOW!
"EMERGING A FEW MOMENTS LATER, WE SOON PICKED UP HIGH'S TRAIL AND WERE LED DIRECTLY TO HEDGES!"
BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT--IT CAN'T BE! YOU'RE DEAD!
OH, NO--HIGH! YOU AND HEDGES ARE DEAD--CAUGHT DEAD TO RIGHTS!
SO THAT'S MY GUESS, COMMISSIONER. BATMAN'S CHOICE WILL BE THE "HOLLOW ROPE"!
NOT A BAD GUESS! WELL--WE'LL SOON SEE!
MEANWHILE, AT JINX BOLEY'S HIDEOUT...
JINX! BATMAN'S BEEN QUESTIONING THE BULLET-PROOF VEST MANUFACTURERS!
THE FOOL! DOES HE THINK I'D BE SO STUPID? I MAKE MY OWN STEEL VESTS! DON'T WORRY--I'M TOO SMART FOR BATMAN!


WE'VE GOT TO GET MOVING--MAKE UP FOR ALL THAT LOST TIME I SPENT IN STIR! HMMM--I MUST CONSULT MY CHARTS TO FIND THE MOST FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR CRIME.'
NEXT MORNING IN THE WAYNE MANSION, AS ALFRED THE BUTLER SERVES BREAKFAST TO DICK...
THE EXHIBIT IS GETTING LOTS OF PUBLICITY.' DID THE MASTER TELL YOU WHICH ROPE HE INTENDS TO DONATE?
NO--BUT COMMISSIONER GORDON AND I HAVE MADE OUR GUESSES...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION BEGINS SEPT. 19TH
OPEN TO PUBLIC 12-8 P.M. DAILY
BATMAN'S ROPE TO BE FEATURED.'
PUBLIC INTEREST AROUSED AS TO WHICH ROPE BATMAN WILL DONATE FROM HIS FAMOUS COLLECTION.
AND AFTER ALFRED HAS HEARD THE PREDICTIONS...
I'M AFRAID I MUST DISAGREE.' I THINK YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ONE OF BATMAN'S MOST UNUSUAL ROPES.'
WHICH ONE WAS THAT, ALFRED?
ALFRED'S GUESS:
"DON'T YOU REMEMBER YOUR MISSION IN THE NEAR EAST, WHEN YOU SMASHED AN INTERNATIONAL COUNTERFEIT RING?"
MY PEOPLE ARE FOREVER BEHOLDEN TO YOU, BATMAN.' HERE IS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION...
WOW! A CORD WOVEN OUT OF STRANDS OF PURE GOLD.'
"YES, A GOLDEN CORD! BUT, BACK IN THE STATES, IT WAS NOT HALF AS USEFUL AS IT WAS VALUABLE..."
THIS IS TOO HEAVY TO BE PRACTICAL, BATMAN...
YES, ROBIN--I'M AFRAID IT WON'T HELP US CATCH MEGLI, THE MAD MUSICIAN, WHO'S CURRENTLY ON A RAMPAGE, USING MUSIC FOR CRIME.'
"THEN, ONE NIGHT SOON AFTER..."
IT WAS MEGLI, BATMAN--BUT HE GOT AWAY! AT LEAST HE DIDN'T STEAL ANYTHING, THOUGH.'
MEGLI AGAIN.' WE'VE GOT TO FIND SOME WAY TO TRAP THAT CRIMINAL, ROBIN.'
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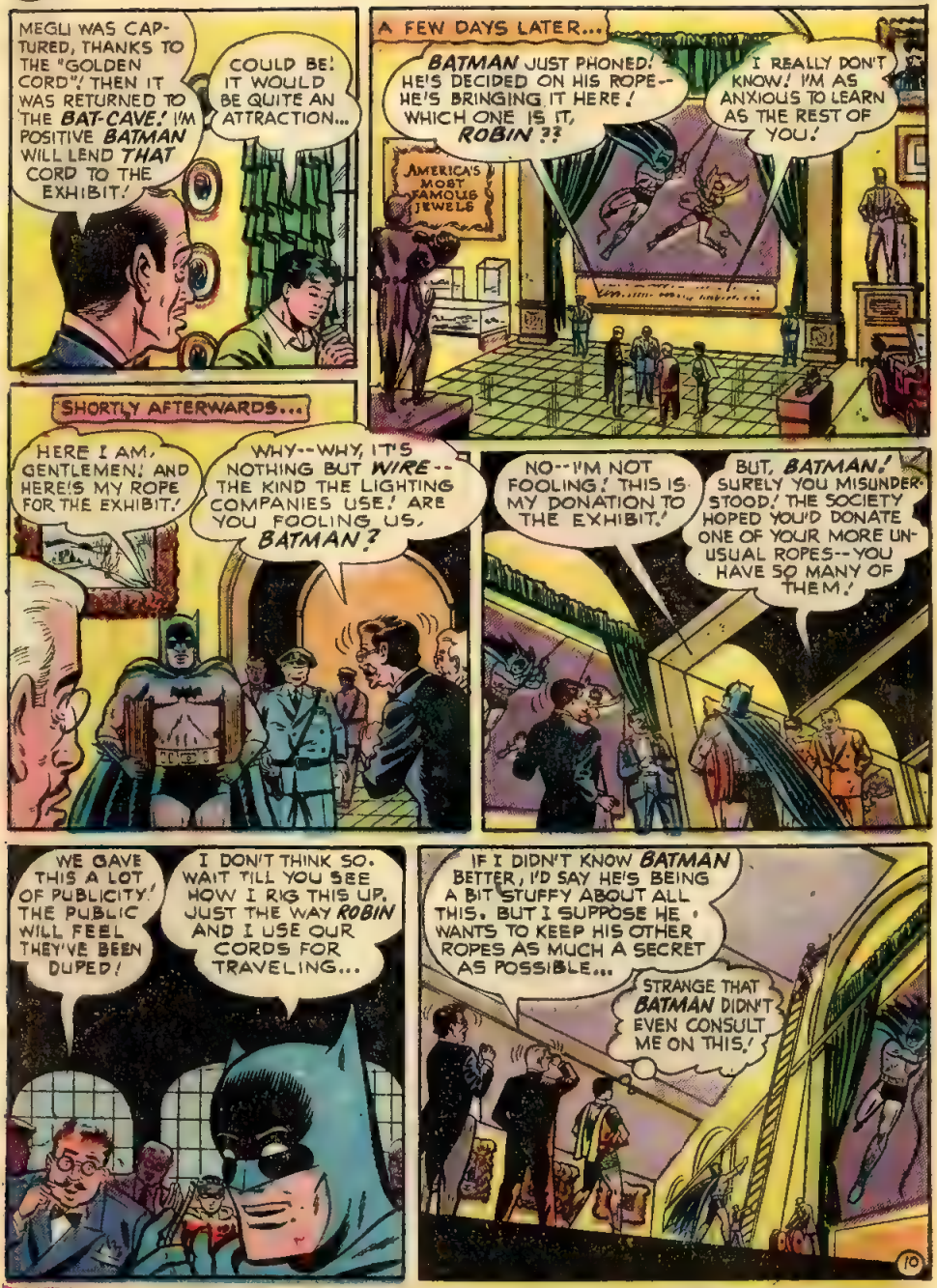
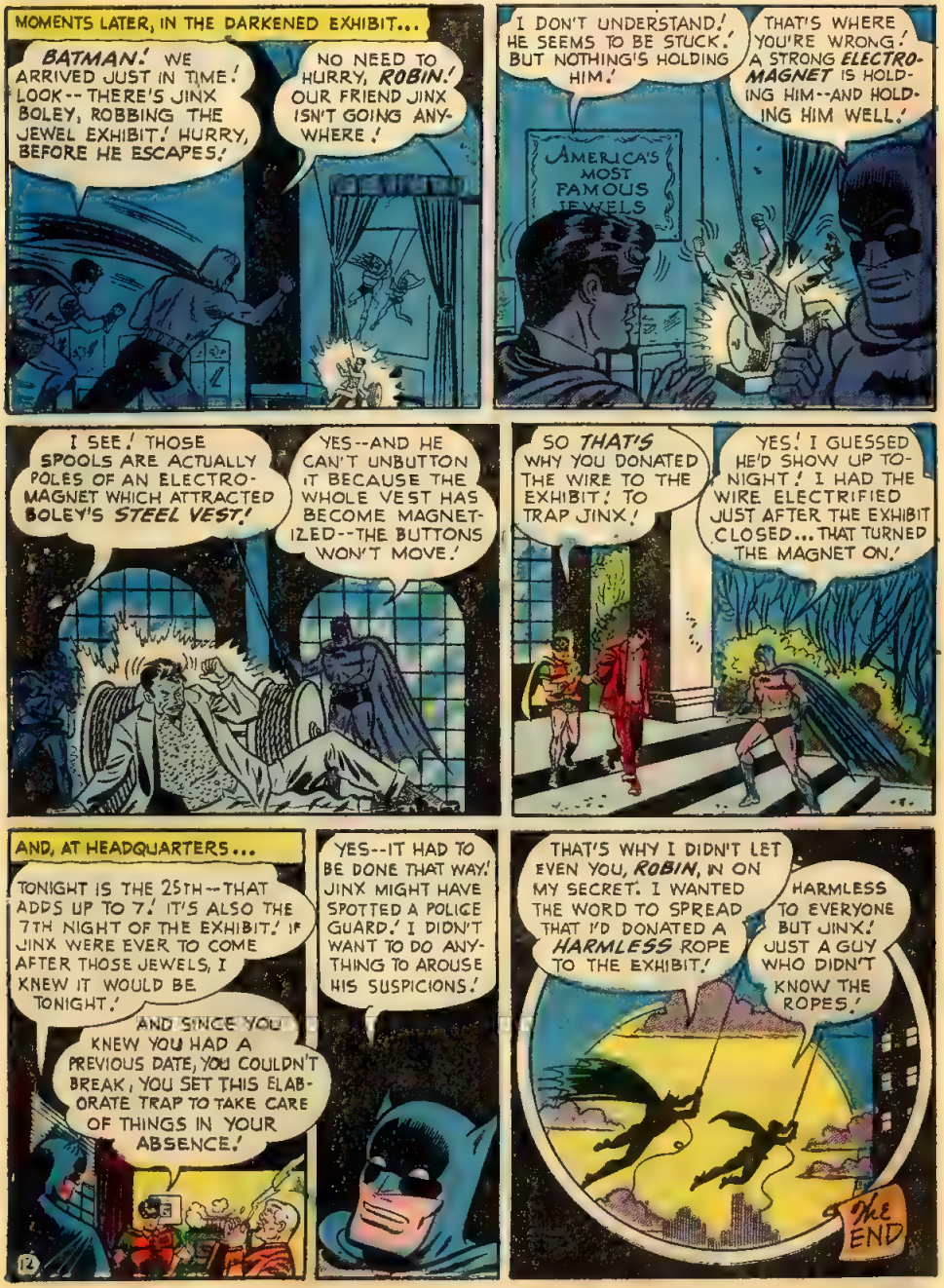
MUSICAL BAIT--THAT'S WHAT WE NEED! HMMM--THAT GIANT HARP UP THERE! MAYBE WE COULD USE THAT...
BUT THAT'S JUST AN ADVERTISING DISPLAY! IT HAS NO REAL VALUE!
"BUT BATMAN SOON GAVE IT REAL VALUE--MADE IT WORTH A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS!"
GOTHAM GAZETTE
JUNE 10, 1940
GIANT HARP HAS STRINGS OF PURE GOLD
FORMER ADVERTISING DISPLAY BECOMES FABULOUS INSTRUMENT! JOHNSON CO. TO DISPLAY IT IN SPECIAL SETTING
WHAT?
OUR "GOLDEN CORD" USED AS THESE HARPSTRINGS SHOULD PROVE AN ITEM THAT WILL MAKE OUR FRIEND, MEGLI, CHAMP AT THE BIT!
"AS EVENTS PROVED, BATMAN WAS RIGHT! ONLY A FEW NIGHTS LATER WAS THE TRAP SPRUNG ON MEGLI!"
NO YOU DON'T, MEGLI! THAT'S NO WAY TO PLAY A HARP!
THE BATMAN! QUICK--FIGHT THEM OFF!
THIS IS CERTAINLY SWEET MUSIC TO MY EARS!
AND HOW! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D ENJOY THE CLARINET SO MUCH!


MEGLI WAS CAPTURED, THANKS TO THE "GOLDEN CORD"! THEN IT WAS RETURNED TO THE BAT-CAVE! I'M POSITIVE BATMAN WILL LEND THAT CORD TO THE EXHIBIT!
COULD BE! IT WOULD BE QUITE AN ATTRACTION...
A FEW DAYS LATER...
BATMAN JUST PHONED! HE'S DECIDED ON HIS ROPE--HE'S BRINGING IT HERE! WHICH ONE IS IT, ROBIN??
I REALLY DON'T KNOW! I'M AS ANXIOUS TO LEARN AS THE REST OF YOU!
AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS JEWELS
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...
HERE I AM, GENTLEMEN! AND HERE'S MY ROPE FOR THE EXHIBIT!
WHY--WHY, IT'S NOTHING BUT WIRE--THE KIND THE LIGHTING COMPANIES USE! ARE YOU FOOLING US, BATMAN?
NO--I'M NOT FOOLING! THIS IS MY DONATION TO THE EXHIBIT!
BUT, BATMAN! SURELY YOU MISUNDERSTOOD! THE SOCIETY HOPED YOU'D DONATE ONE OF YOUR MORE UNUSUAL ROPES--YOU HAVE SO MANY OF THEM!
WE GAVE THIS A LOT OF PUBLICITY! THE PUBLIC WILL FEEL THEY'VE BEEN DUPED!
I DON'T THINK SO. WAIT TILL YOU SEE HOW I RIG THIS UP. JUST THE WAY ROBIN AND I USE OUR CORDS FOR TRAVELING...
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BATMAN BETTER, I'D SAY HE'S BEING A BIT STUFFY ABOUT ALL THIS. BUT I SUPPOSE HE WANTS TO KEEP HIS OTHER ROPES AS MUCH A SECRET AS POSSIBLE...
STRANGE THAT BATMAN DIDN'T EVEN CONSULT ME ON THIS!

NEXT DAY...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
BATMAN RENEGES ON "ROPES" OFFER!
HISTORICAL SOCIETY DISAPPOINTED BY GIFT OF ORDINARY WIRE. COMMISSIONER GORDON HINTS BATMAN WAS RELUCTANT TO DIVULGE SECRETS OF HIS MORE INTERESTING ROPES.
AND A FEW DAYS LATER WHEN THE EXHIBIT OPENS...
WHAT A PHONEY! ORDINARY TELEPHONE WIRE! DO YOU HAVE TO BE A BATMAN TO HAVE SUCH STUFF?
WE WERE SAPS FOR EVEN COMING IN HERE!
THEN ONE DAY, IN COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE IN FOR A TOUGH TIME AT THE POLICE ATHLETIC GROUP PARTY TOMORROW, BATMAN. THE KIDS ARE DISAPPOINTED IN YOU...
WELL--I'M READY TO FACE THEIR FIRE...
AND, THE NEXT EVENING...
GEE, BATMAN--I WAS ALL SET TO MAKE MY OWN "TRAVELING ROPE"--I WAS GONNA COPY YOURS AT THE EXHIBIT! BUT WIRE--THAT'S NO FUN.
I'VE NEVER SEEN BATMAN LOOK SO MISERABLE BEFORE...
LATER, AS THE PARTY ENDS...
WELL, THAT'S THAT! I GUESS YOU'RE READY TO LEAVE, EH, BATMAN?
MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW, COMMISSIONER!
AND OUTSIDE...
WE'RE OFF TO THE EXHIBIT.' I WANT TO SEE A MAN ABOUT A WIRE.'
I GUESS BATMAN'S SEEN THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS! HE'LL PROBABLY REPLACE THE WIRE WITH A MORE INTERESTING ROPE!


MOMENTS LATER, IN THE DARKENED EXHIBIT...
BATMAN! WE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME! LOOK--THERE'S JINX BOLEY, ROBBING THE JEWEL EXHIBIT! HURRY, BEFORE HE ESCAPES!
NO NEED TO HURRY, ROBIN! OUR FRIEND JINX ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HE SEEMS TO BE STUCK! BUT NOTHING'S HOLDING HIM!
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! A STRONG ELECTRO-MAGNET IS HOLDING HIM--AND HOLDING HIM WELL!
AMERICA'S MOST FAMOUS JEWELS
I SEE! THOSE SPOOLS ARE ACTUALLY POLES OF AN ELECTRO-MAGNET WHICH ATTRACTED BOLEY'S STEEL VEST!
YES--AND HE CAN'T UNBUTTON IT BECAUSE THE WHOLE VEST HAS BECOME MAGNETIZED--THE BUTTONS WON'T MOVE!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU DONATED THE WIRE TO THE EXHIBIT! TO TRAP JINX!
YES! I GUESSED HE'D SHOW UP TONIGHT! I HAD THE WIRE ELECTRIFIED JUST AFTER THE EXHIBIT CLOSED... THAT TURNED THE MAGNET ON!
AND, AT HEADQUARTERS...
TONIGHT IS THE 25TH--THAT ADDS UP TO 7! IT'S ALSO THE 7TH NIGHT OF THE EXHIBIT! IF JINX WERE EVER TO COME AFTER THOSE JEWELS, I KNEW IT WOULD BE TONIGHT!
AND SINCE YOU KNEW YOU HAD A PREVIOUS DATE, YOU COULDN'T BREAK; YOU SET THIS ELABORATE TRAP TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS IN YOUR ABSENCE!
YES--IT HAD TO BE DONE THAT WAY! JINX MIGHT HAVE SPOTTED A POLICE GUARD! I DIDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING TO AROUSE HIS SUSPICIONS!
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T LET EVEN YOU, ROBIN, IN ON MY SECRET. I WANTED THE WORD TO SPREAD THAT I'D DONATED A HARMLESS ROPE TO THE EXHIBIT!
HARMLESS TO EVERYONE BUT JINX! JUST A GUY WHO DIDN'T KNOW THE ROPES!
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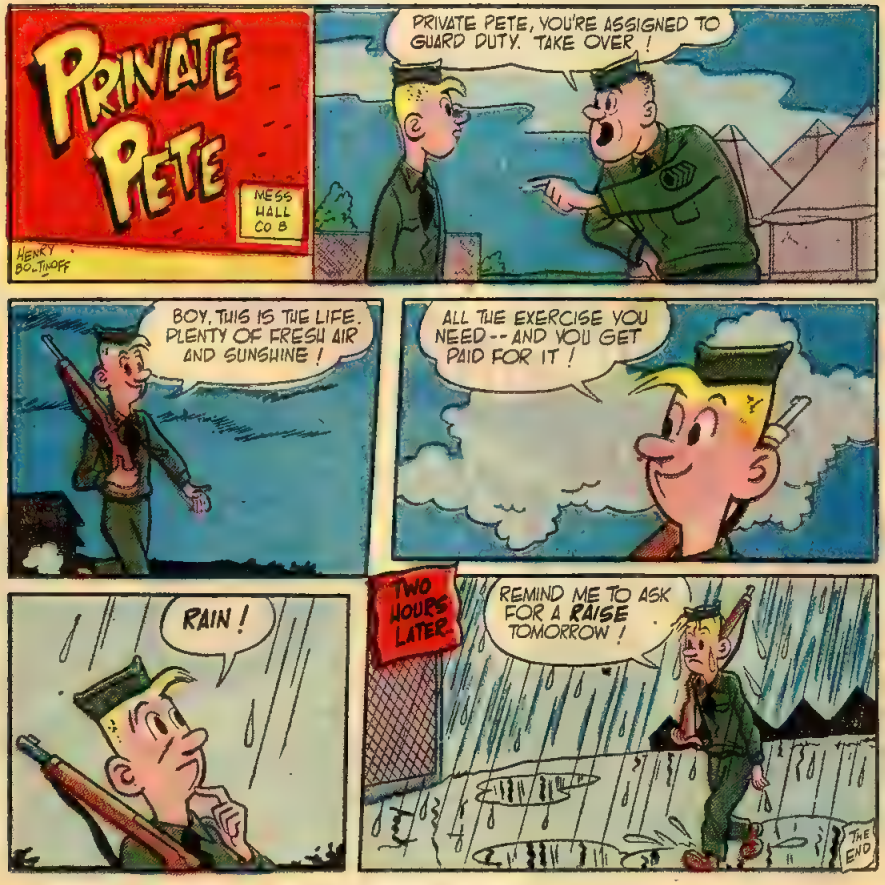
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MESS HALL CO B
HENRY BO. TINOFF
PRIVATE PETE, YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO GUARD DUTY. TAKE OVER !
BOY, THIS IS THE LIFE. PLENTY OF FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE !
ALL THE EXERCISE YOU NEED -- AND YOU GET PAID FOR IT !
RAIN !
TWO HOURS LATER
REMIND ME TO ASK FOR A RAISE TOMORROW !
THE END

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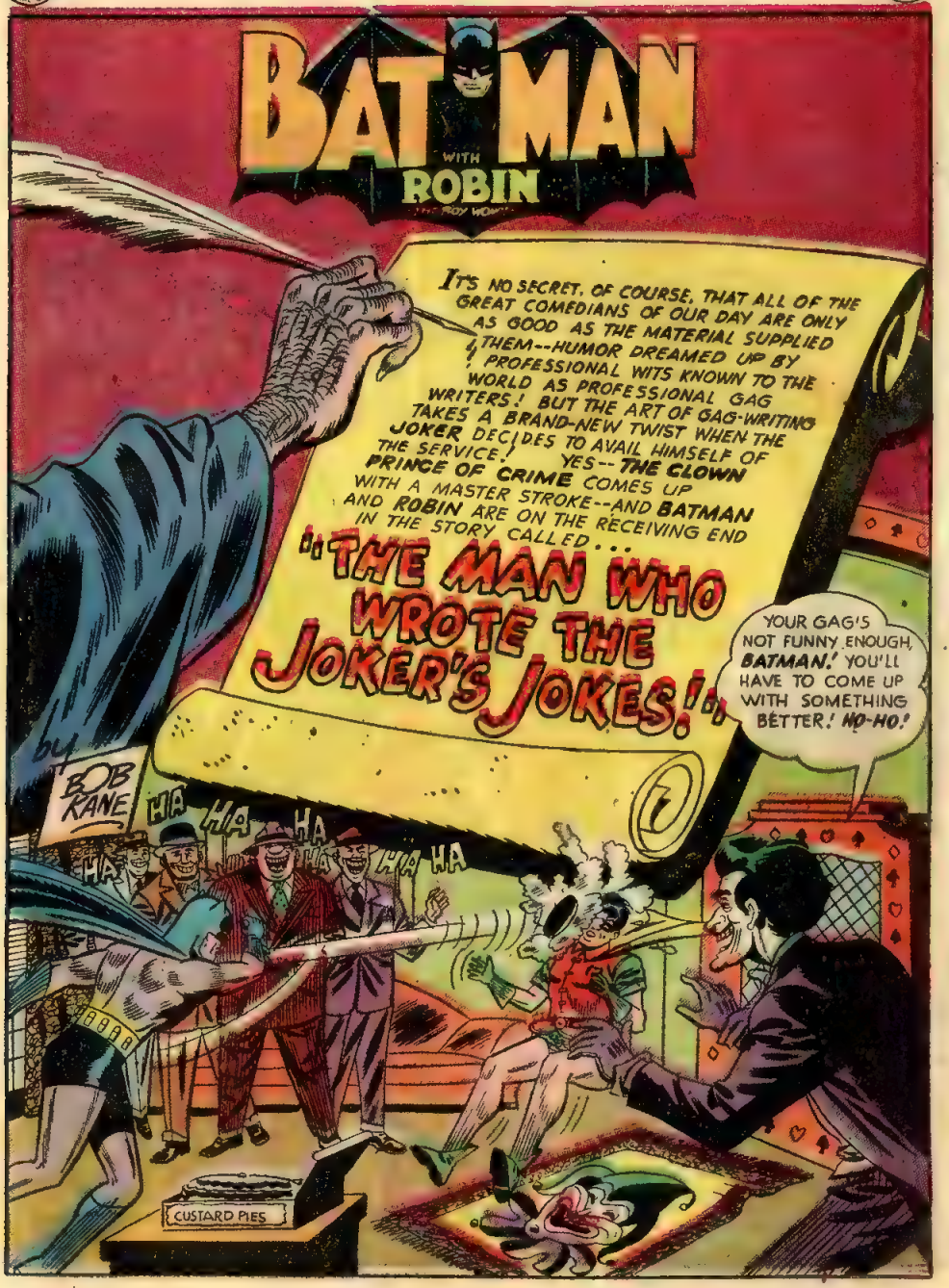
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
IT'S NO SECRET, OF COURSE, THAT ALL OF THE GREAT COMEDIANS OF OUR DAY ARE ONLY AS GOOD AS THE MATERIAL SUPPLIED THEM--HUMOR DREAMED UP BY PROFESSIONAL WITS KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS PROFESSIONAL GAG WRITERS! BUT THE ART OF GAG-WRITING TAKES A BRAND-NEW TWIST WHEN THE JOKER DECIDES TO AVAIL HIMSELF OF THE SERVICE! YES--THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME COMES UP WITH A MASTER STROKE--AND BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE ON THE RECEIVING END IN THE STORY CALLED...
"THE MAN WHO WROTE THE JOKER'S JOKES!"
by BOB KANE
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
YOUR GAG'S NOT FUNNY ENOUGH, BATMAN! YOU'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING BETTER! HO-HO!
CUSTARD PIES

ONE NIGHT, IN THE HIDEOUT OF THE JOKER, THAT FANTASTIC CLOWN OF CRIME...
THREE WEEKS... AND NO SUCCESSES! COULD IT BE I'M GOING STALE?
THE BOSS IS IN A BAD WAY! HE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO DREAM UP A GOOD CRIME LATELY!
TELEVISION, RADIO, MOVIE COMICS -- BAH! NONE OF THEM IS MY EQUAL AS A CLOWN--YET THEY NEVER SEEM TO RUN OUT OF IDEAS!!
SUDDENLY, A REALIZATION DAWNS ON THE JOKER...
OF COURSE! THESE COMICS NEVER RUN OUT OF MATERIAL BECAUSE THEY PAY GOOD MONEY TO GET IT! THEY USE GAG WRITERS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, JOKER?
SMACK
IT'S A SPECIAL PROFESSION--WRITERS WHO DO NOTHING ELSE BUT COIN HUMOR! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I MEAN TOMORROW! HA-HA! IT'S GIVING ME A WONDERFUL IDEA!
NEXT DAY, AS THE JOKER AND HIS MEN POSE AS WINDOW WASHERS AT A RADIO STUDIO...
ALL RIGHT--LET'S HEAR THE GAGS YOU'VE GOT FOR MY SHOW NEXT WEEK! C'MON, NOW--I NEED SOME GOOD ONES!
(WHISPER) THAT'S MARV BLACK, THE FAMOUS RADIO COMEDIAN. HE PAYS THOSE WRITERS A FORTUNE TO MAKE HIM SOUND FUNNY ON THE AIR!
WE'VE GOT A BASEBALL ROUTINE FIGURED OUT FOR YOU, MARV--WAIT TILL YOU HEAR IT!
HA-HA! WHAT THESE COMICS DO, I--THE JOKER--CAN DO, TOO! I SHALL HIRE GAG WRITERS --TO DREAM UP CRIMES FOR ME! HA-HA!
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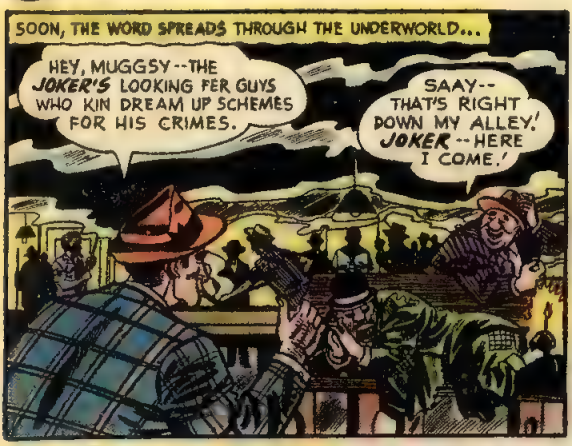
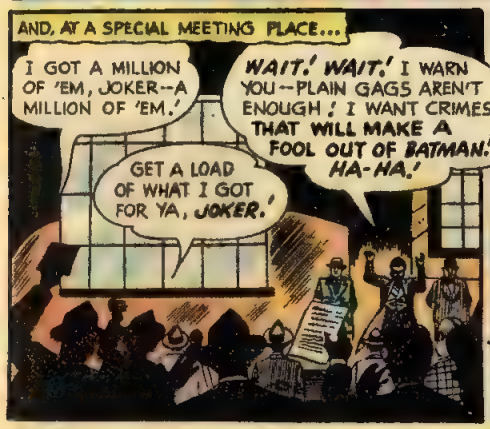
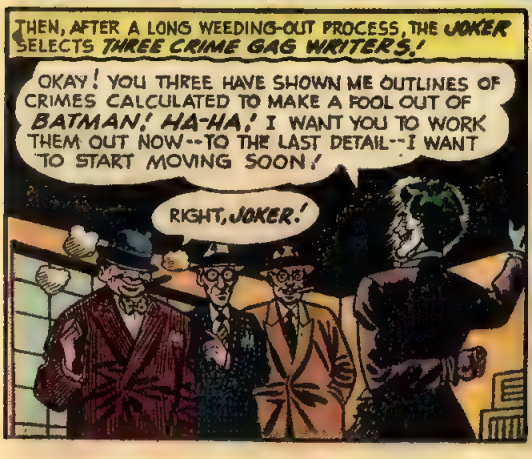

SOON, THE WORD SPREADS THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD...
HEY, MUGGSY--THE JOKER'S LOOKING FER GUYS WHO KIN DREAM UP SCHEMES FOR HIS CRIMES.
SAAY--THAT'S RIGHT DOWN MY ALLEY! JOKER--HERE I COME!

LISTEN! THERE'S A FORTUNE WAITIN' FOR THE GUY WHO CAN SUPPLY THE JOKER WITH SOME GOOD CRIME GIMMICKS!
WHAT ARE WE WAITIN' FOR --LET'S GO!


AND, AT A SPECIAL MEETING PLACE...
I GOT A MILLION OF 'EM, JOKER--A MILLION OF 'EM!
WAIT! WAIT! I WARN YOU--PLAIN GAGS AREN'T ENOUGH! I WANT CRIMES THAT WILL MAKE A FOOL OUT OF BATMAN! HA-HA!
GET A LOAD OF WHAT I GOT FOR YA, JOKER!

MAKE A FOOL OUT OF BATMAN! BOY--YOU'RE SURE ASKIN' FOR PLENTY, JOKER!
I KNOW IT'S A TOUGH ASSIGNMENT--BUT I'M READY TO PAY HANDSOMELY FOR MY CRIMES! HA-HA! HO-HO!


THEN, AFTER A LONG WEEDING-OUT PROCESS, THE JOKER SELECTS THREE CRIME GAG WRITERS!
OKAY! YOU THREE HAVE SHOWN ME OUTLINES OF CRIMES CALCULATED TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF BATMAN! HA-HA! I WANT YOU TO WORK THEM OUT NOW--TO THE LAST DETAIL--I WANT TO START MOVING SOON!
RIGHT, JOKER!

WE'LL TRY YOURS FIRST, DOOLY! HO-HO! JUST THINKING ABOUT IT TICKLES ME! HA-HA! IMAGINE! WE'RE REALLY GOING TO LEAVE BATMAN HOLDING THE BAG!
HO! HA HO HA! HA

A WEEK LATER, IN THE HOME OF BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
OH-OH! I SEE THE PARADE TO THE FAIR HAS ALREADY BEGUN. WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GO OUT AND SEE THE FAIR IN PERSON, DICK?
A WONDERFUL IDEA--LET'S GO!
GOTHAM STATE FAIR
BUT, ALL AT ONCE...
WAIT A MINUTE! THERE GOES THE BAT-SIGNAL! LOOKS LIKE IT CHANGES OUR PLANS!
WELL, THE FAIR CAN WAIT! WE'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO --AS BATMAN AND ROBIN!
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
TROUBLE, BOYS! THE JOKER AGAIN! HE'S TAUNTING US WITH THREATS TO ROB THE FAIR!
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL SEE THE FAIR AFTER ALL, ROBIN!
MEANWHILE...
HA-HA! CLEVER, DOOLY--THIS METHOD OF GAINING ENTRANCE TO THE FAIR! IN A MOMENT, WE'LL BE READY TO GRAB THE GATE RECEIPTS!
RIGHT, JOKER! MY PLAN IS WORKING PERFECTLY! WAIT TILL BATMAN FALLS INTO THE TRAP! HA-HA!
NORTHERN STATE POTATOES
MOMENTS LATER...
HELP! THE JOKER! IT'S A ROBBERY!
THAT'S OUR CUE, ROBIN!
LOOK, ROBIN--THEY'RE TRYING TO HIDE IN THAT BAG ON THE POTATO FLOAT! OR ARE THEY??
THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING STRANGE, THAT'S FOR SURE!
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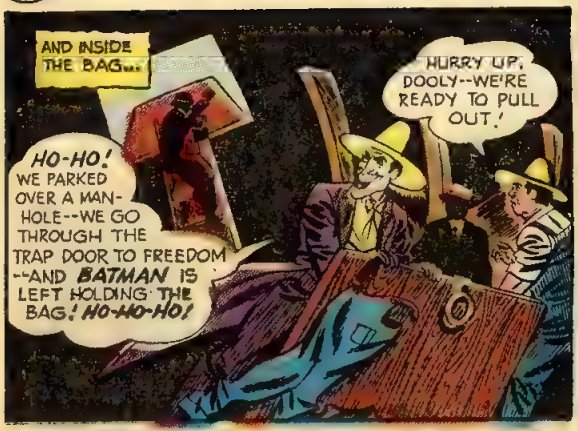
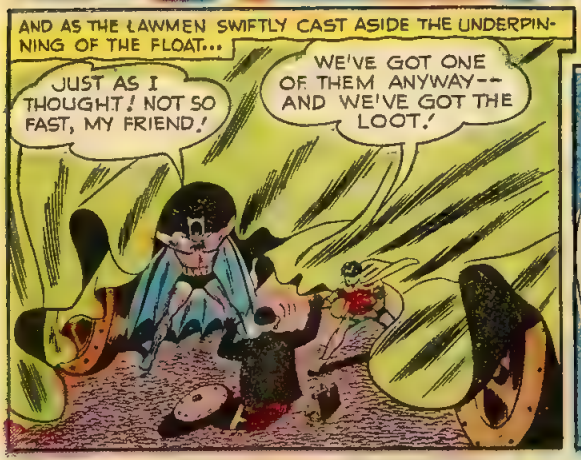
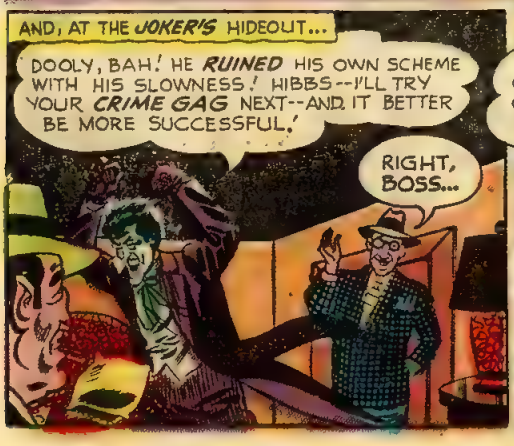

AND INSIDE THE BAG...
HURRY UP, DOOLY--WE'RE READY TO PULL OUT.'
HO-HO! WE PARKED OVER A MAN-HOLE--WE GO THROUGH THE TRAP DOOR TO FREEDOM --AND BATMAN IS LEFT HOLDING THE BAG! HO-HO-HO!

BUT THEY'RE IN THIS BAG.!!
I DOUBT IT! IT'S JUST A RUSE! I THINK WE'LL FIND MORE IF WE'LL LOOK UNDER THIS FLOAT! IT'S PARKED OVER A SEWER MANHOLE!


AND AS THE LAWMEN SWIFTLY CAST ASIDE THE UNDERPIN-NING OF THE FLOAT...
JUST AS I THOUGHT! NOT SO FAST, MY FRIEND!
WE'VE GOT ONE OF THEM ANYWAY-- AND WE'VE GOT THE LOOT.'

THAT EVENING...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
JOKER ESCAPES CAPTURE, BATMAN LEFT HOLDING BAG
BUT CRIME CLOWN'S TRIUMPH IS MARRED WHEN HENCHMAN IS SEIZED WITH STOLEN MONEY.


AND, AT THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...
DOOLY, BAH! HE RUINED HIS OWN SCHEME WITH HIS SLOWNESS! HIBBS--I'LL TRY YOUR CRIME GAG NEXT--AND IT BETTER BE MORE SUCCESSFUL.'
RIGHT, BOSS...

IT'S BEEN A BAD DAY.' BUT YOU CAN SAVE EVERY-THING, HIBBS.' YOU SAY YOU CAN MAKE JACKASSES OUT OF BATMAN AND ROBIN.' HO-HO.' THAT WILL BE TERRIFIC.'
AND HOW, BOSS.' AND I CAN'T MISS, I TELL YA.'

A FEW DAYS LATER, IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE...
A NOTE FROM THE JOKER! HE BOASTS HE'S LITERALLY GOING TO MAKE A JACKASS OUT OF YOU!
DO YOU THINK HE CAN, BATMAN? IT WOULDN'T HELP OUR STANDING IN GOTHAM CITY!
THAT EVENING, AS OFFICIALS OF THE ROYAL CAMERA CO. HOLD AN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN THEIR OFFICES...
HOW ABOUT SOME PICTURES, GENTLEMEN? WE WERE SENT HERE BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE...
EXCELLENT IDEA! AND I SEE YOU HAVE ROYAL CAMERAS! HA-HA--MOST FITTING!
Royal Camera EXHIBIT
CAMERA CO INC.
ALL AT ONCE...
HA-HA! ROYAL CAMERAS--BUT WITH MY OWN ATTACHMENT THAT SHOOTS GAS! HO-HO! NOSE FILTERS PROTECT ME AND MY MEN!
THE JOKER!! (GASP!)
THEN, AFTER THE JOKER AND HIS MEN LOOT THE SAFE...
BUT WE GOT THE LOOT! WHY TRIP THE BURGLAR ALARM, JOKER?
LEAVE HIBBS ALONE! THIS IS HIS CRIME SCHEME! HA-HA! WE WANT OUR FRIENDS BATMAN AND ROBIN TO SHOW UP!
THEN, AFTER BATMAN AND ROBIN APPEAR...
LOOK OUT, ROBIN! THIS IS AN INFERNO--THE FILM HAS CAUGHT ON FIRE, AND NOTHING BURNS LIKE FILM!
BUT HOW WILL WE EVER GET OUT??
AM I MAKING IT TOO HOT FOR YOU, BATMAN? HO-HO! I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO FRY--HERE'S SOME FIREPROOF CLOTHING FOR YOU!
THE JOKER! THIS IS HIS DOING!
IT'S ASBESTOS, ALL RIGHT--BUT THEY'RE JACKASS COSTUMES! WHAT WILL WE DO?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE! WE WEAR THE COSTUMES--IT'S THE ONLY WAY OUT OF HERE!
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AND AS THE LAWMEN MAKE THEIR WAY OUT OF THE BLAZING BUILDING...
ROBIN, LISTEN! THE JOKER WOULDN'T MISS OUR APPEARANCE IN THESE COSTUMES FOR ANYTHING! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED WHEN WE GET OUT.
RIGHT!
LOOK! BATMAN AND ROBIN--A COUPLE OF JACKASSES! THE JOKER MADE HIS BOAST GOOD!
ROBIN--I WAS RIGHT! THERE'S THE JOKER--ON THE ROOF ACROSS THE STREET! LET'S MOVE!
MOVING LIKE THE WIND, THE DYNAMIC DUO RACES TO THE ROOF. IN HIS HASTE TO ESCAPE, HIBBS STUMBLES!
TOO LATE TO GET THE JOKER--WE'LL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR THIS CHARACTER!
AND DON'T FORGET THE LOOT! WE'VE SAVED IT AGAIN!
NEXT DAY...
GOTHAM GAZETTE
JOKER MAKES JACKASS OUT OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
BUT LAWMEN AGAIN HAVE LAST LAUGH BY RECOVERING LOOT OF LATEST THEFT!
BATMAN AND ROBIN
AND IN THE JOKER'S HIDEOUT...
JOKER--YOUR THIRD GAG WRITER QUIT--AFTER HE SAW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST TWO!
BAH! RANK AMATEURS--THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE! I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRUSTED THEM! I NEED A CLEVER IDEA MAN--CLEVER--CLEVER!
ABRUPTLY, AS A FANTASTIC IDEA COMES TO THE HARLEQUIN OF HATE...
I HAVE IT! HO-HO! THE VERY MAN FOR ME! WHO'S MORE CLEVER THAN BATMAN? HO-HO! HE SHALL BE MY GAG WRITER--HO-HO! IMAGINE--BATMAN AS MY IDEA MAN! HO-HO-HO!
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HOW IN THE WORLD IS THE BOSS EVER GONNA WORK THAT??

NEXT DAY, A STRANGE AD RUNS IN A GOTHAM CITY PAPER...

NOTICE!!

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE CRIME GAG WRITERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT WITH THE JOKER:

MY OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS NOW WITHDRAWN, BECAUSE THE JOB WILL SOON BE FILLED BY AN EXTREMELY CAPABLE PERSON. THANK YOU FOR SHOWING AN INTEREST IN MY PROJECT--BUT I HAVE FOUND THE IDEAL MAN FOR MY PURPOSES; HIS NAME IS--

BATMAN! HA-HA!

THE JOKER

AND AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL! THE JOKER APPARENTLY HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE IN HIS LATEST CAMPAIGN TO MAKE FOOLS OF YOU.'

WELL--SO FAR HE'S FAILED--WE'VE THWARTED HIS CRIMES! MAYBE NEXT TIME WE'LL CATCH HIM AND PUT AN END TO THIS!

A FEW NIGHTS LATER, AT THE GOTHAM STATE FAIR...

THE JOKER, BATMAN!' HE'S GONE INTO THE TUNNEL OF LOVE!

YOU WATCH THE ENTRANCE, ROBIN!' I'LL GET OVER TO THE EXIT, AND COME IN THAT WAY. AND BE CAREFUL--THIS COULD BE A TRAP!

MEANWHILE...

HA-HA! I THOUGHT THEY'D SPLIT UP! NOW FOR MY LITTLE GAME--QUICK, I MUST CHANGE MY UNIFORM!

A MOMENT LATER...

BOO-HOO! BOO-HOO! MY BALLOON! THE WIND BLEW IT AWAY FROM ME, BOO-HOO! (BOB!)

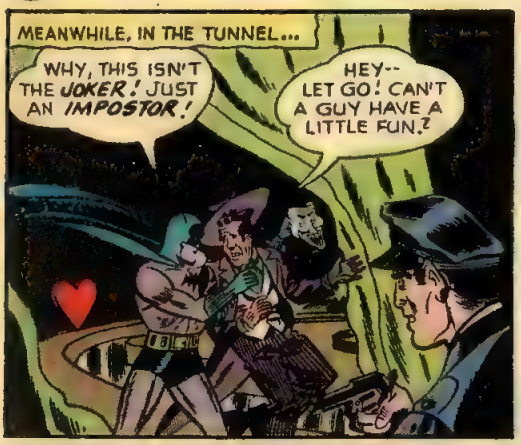
DON'T CRY, SONNY--I'LL GET YOUR BALLOON BACK FOR YOU!

I KNOW HOW THAT POOR KID FEELS--IT'LL ONLY TAKE A SECOND FOR ME TO RETRIEVE HIS BALLOON...

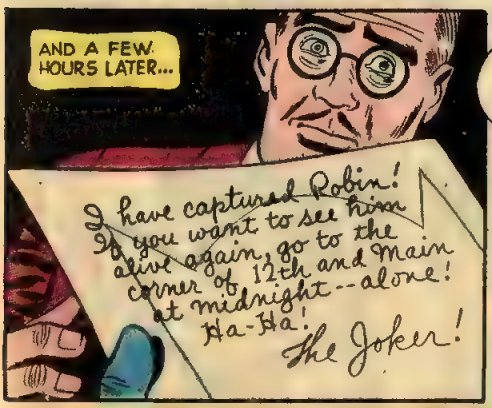
THEN, AS THE BALLOON ROUNDS A CORNER...

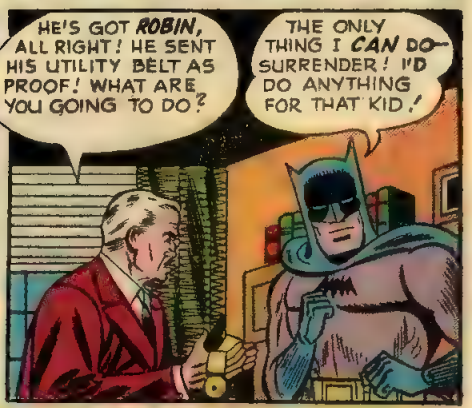
TRICKED--BY THE JOKER!

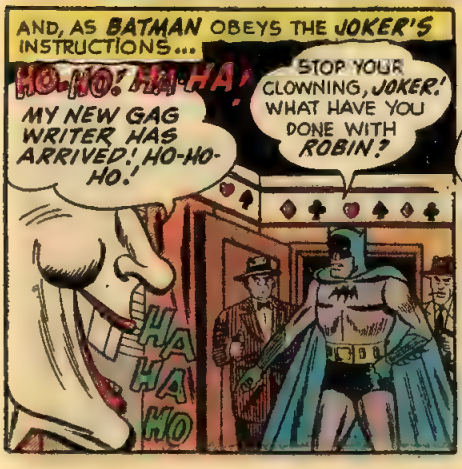
YES! HA-HA! AN INNER SOMEONE IN THE TUNNEL--A MIDGET DRESSED UP AS A KID--AND THIS BALLOON ON THE END OF A STRING! HO-HO! I'VE GOT YOU NOW, ROBIN!

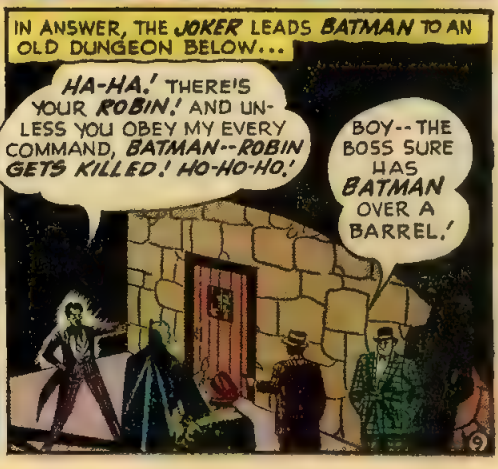

MEANWHILE, IN THE TUNNEL...
WHY, THIS ISN'T THE JOKER! JUST AN IMPOSTOR!
HEY-- LET GO! CAN'T A GUY HAVE A LITTLE FUN?

ROBIN IS GONE! THIS IS SERIOUS--HE NEVER DISOBEYS AN ORDER! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM!


AND A FEW HOURS LATER...
I have captured Robin! If you want to see him alive again, go to the corner of 12th and Main at midnight--alone! Ha-Ha! The Joker!


HE'S GOT ROBIN, ALL RIGHT! HE SENT HIS UTILITY BELT AS PROOF! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
THE ONLY THING I CAN DO-- SURRENDER! I'D DO ANYTHING FOR THAT KID!


AND, AS BATMAN OBEYS THE JOKER'S INSTRUCTIONS...
HO-HO-HA-HA!
MY NEW GAG WRITER HAS ARRIVED! HO-HO-HO!
STOP YOUR CLOWNING, JOKER! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH ROBIN?
HA HA HO


IN ANSWER, THE JOKER LEADS BATMAN TO AN OLD DUNGEON BELOW...
HA-HA! THERE'S YOUR ROBIN! AND UNLESS YOU OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND, BATMAN--ROBIN GETS KILLED! HO-HO-HO!
BOY--THE BOSS SURE HAS BATMAN OVER A BARREL!

YOU'RE IN MY POWER, BATMAN! HO-HO! I COULD PULL OFF YOUR MASK NOW--AND END YOUR REIGN--I COULD EVEN KILL YOU--BUT I WON'T--NOT NOW!
HA-HA-HA!
NO--IF I DID THAT, WHAT FUN WOULD THERE BE LEFT FOR ME? YOU'RE THE ONLY OPPONENT WORTHY OF ME--AND NOW I'M GOING TO TOY WITH YOU, THE WAY A CAT TOYS WITH A MOUSE! HO-HO!
TO SAVE ROBIN'S LIFE, THIS IS WHAT YOU MUST DO: YOU MUST WRITE ME A CRIME GAG THAT MAKES AN UTTER FOOL OUT OF YOU! HA-HA!
LOOKIT ROBIN'S EYES BLINK! HAW--HE'S CRYIN'!
YOU'VE GOT 24 HOURS TO PRODUCE! HA-HA-HA! IF YOU DON'T--OR IF YOU TRY ANY TRICKS--ROBIN DIES! HO-HO-HO!
HA HA HA HO HO HO HA HA HA HO HO HO HA HA HA
AND THAT EVENING, A DISTRAUGHT AND LONELY FIGURE METHODICALLY PACES THE BAT-CAVE...
I'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING... SOMETHING!!
NEXT DAY...
ALL RIGHT, JOKER--YOU CAN HAVE YOUR FUN! I'VE GOT THE OUTLINE OF A CRIME FOR YOU!
HO-HO! A CRIME CONCEIVED BY BATMAN! WHO WOULD BELIEVE THIS DAY WOULD COME TO PASS?? HO-HO!

THE GOTHAM CHEWING GUM CO. HAS A WEEKLY PAYROLL OF $80,000.! I CAN TELL YOU WHEN IT ARRIVES AND HOW TO GET IT.!
HO-HO! A SUM WORTHY OF ME, BATMAN! BUT WAIT! WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU? HOW DO I MAKE A FOOL OUT OF YOU?
THE FACTORY IS FILLED WITH VATS OF LIQUID GUM. BEFORE YOU LEAVE, YOU COULD COAT ME WITH THE STUFF AND STICK ME AGAINST THE WALL!
HO-HO! DON'T MUMBLE, BATMAN -- ARE YOU EMBARRASSED? IT'S A WONDERFUL GAG--THINK OF IT: JOKER STICKS BATMAN--BATMAN ALL GUMMED UP! HO-HO!
BUT REMEMBER THE BARGAIN, JOKER! I ALLOW MYSELF TO BE MADE A FOOL OF--AND YOU SET ROBIN FREE!
BUT OF COURSE, BATMAN -- OF COURSE! YOU KNOW I AM A MAN OF HONOR-- HO-HO!
BUT, BOSS--ARE YOU REALLY GONNA LET ROBIN GO, IF BATMAN GOES THROUGH WITH THIS?
OF COURSE NOT, FOOL! THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! THINK OF ALL THE FUN I CAN HAVE, WITH ROBIN AS MY PRISONER!!
THAT EVENING, AT THE CHEWING GUM FACTORY...
THAT TAKES CARE OF THE WATCHMAN. THE PAYROLL ARRIVED THIS AFTERNOON, TO BE DISTRIBUTED TOMORROW. YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE SAFE...
WE'D BETTER! HO-HO!
MOMENTS LATER...
BATMAN WAS RIGHT, BOSS-- THIS PLACE IS LOADED! LOOK!
EXCELLENT! HURRY AND STOW IT IN OUR BAGS! I CAN'T WAIT TO WRAP BATMAN IN CHEWING GUM! HO-HO!

THE VATS OF GUM ARE UP THERE. I'LL PULL THIS ROPE TO RELEASE A LADDER.'
HA-HA! WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE, BATMAN--SPEARMINT--OR PEPPERMINT?? HO-HO-HO!
ALL AT ONCE, AS BATMAN YANKS HARD ON THE ROPE...
A LITTLE THING I HAD RIGGED UP FOR YOU, JOKER! NOW--HOW DO YOU LIKE BEING ALL GUMMED UP?
UGH! (GASP) YOU FOOL, BATMAN! WHEN MY MEN BACK AT THE HIDEOUT HEAR OF THIS, THEY'LL KILL ROBIN!!
THAT I DOUBT--SINCE HERE COMES ROBIN NOW--AND THE POLICE HAVE PICKED UP THE REST OF YOUR MEN!
BUT--BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND.'
YOUR MEN SPOTTED ROBIN BLINKING IN HIS CELL--THEY THOUGHT HE WAS CRYING. ACTUALLY, HE WAS BLINKING IN MORSE CODE.'
I SAW A WAY TO ESCAPE! I SENT A MESSAGE TO BATMAN TELLING HIM HOW LONG I THOUGHT IT WOULD TAKE--AND FOR HIM TO ACT ACCORDINGLY.'
ROBIN'S EXPLANATION: "WITH MY UTILITY BELT TAKEN AWAY, I KNEW I WOULDN'T BE GUARDED CLOSELY. FIRST, I REMOVED THE RUBBER HEELS FROM MY BOOTS..."
A LONG JOB, TO HOLLOW OUT MY HEELS WITH THAT OLD SPOON THEY GAVE ME FOR MY MEALS! BUT NOW THEY MAKE EXCELLENT RUBBER SUCTION CUPS! AND I CAN EASILY WRIGGLE THROUGH THOSE BARS!
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LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...
SAAAY! THESE JACKASS COSTUMES GIVE ME AN IDEA FOR A JOKE WE CAN PLAY ON OUR BUTLER, ALFRED.'
WAIT A MINUTE, ROBIN! ONE JOKER IN GOTHAM CITY IS PLENTY.'
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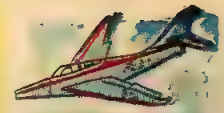
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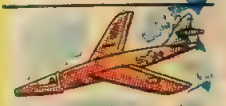
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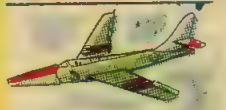
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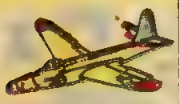
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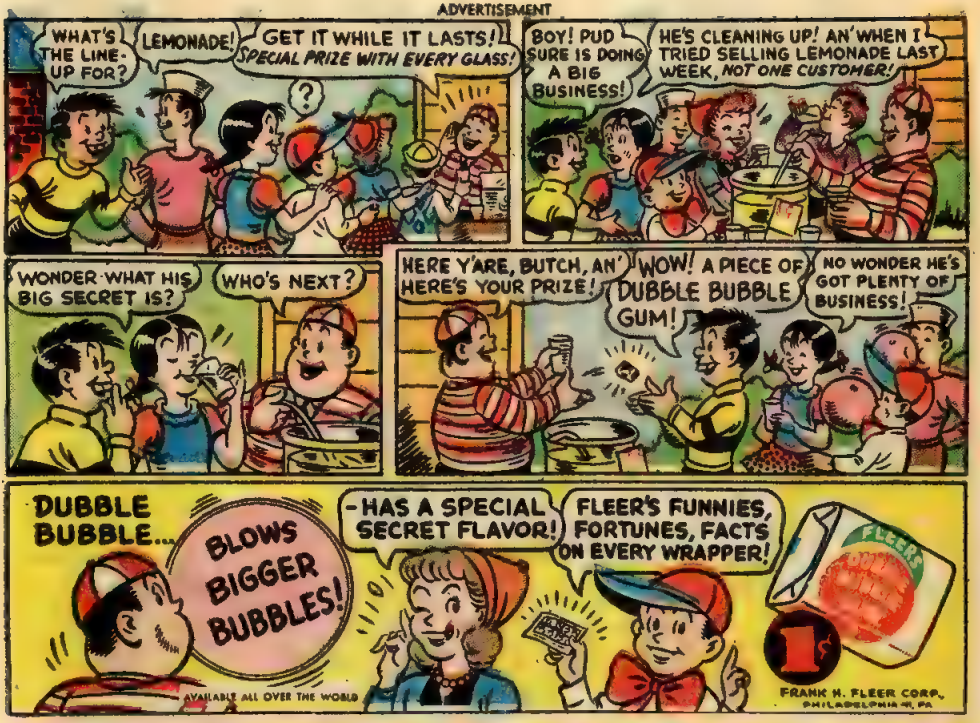
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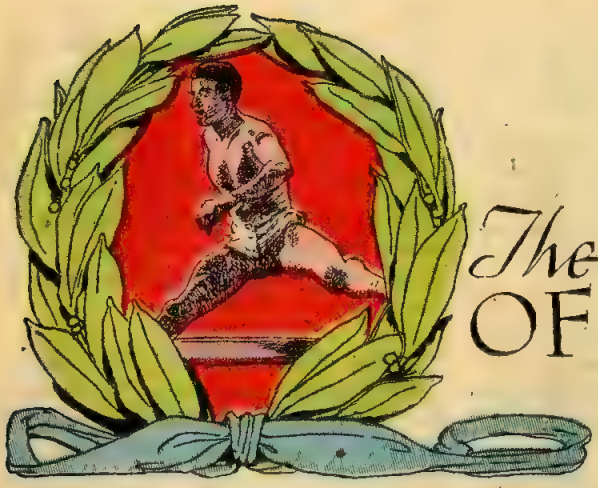

The KINGS OF SPORT

ALMOST any list of today's public heroes will probably include some great athletes. Few Americans receive more acclaim and affection than that bestowed upon the great figures of the sports world. Just think of all the sporting events that take place in the course of a year. Think of the tremendous interest and enthusiasm that these events provoke in players and spectators alike.

Far back in history, athletic contests stimulated interest and excitement, too. The victorious athlete at the Olympian, an imporant ancient Grecian festival, received expensive gifts and garlands of flowers after the contest.

In those days, Greece was not really one nation but several small cities and states. Each of these communities sent contestants to the Olympian, and the competition was just as keen then as it is in our modern Olympic Games.

Today's Games, in which all countries compete every four years, were directly inspired by the ancient Olympian games. Their modern revival was instituted by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1894. The installation took place in Athens, Greece in 1896 on the site where the ancient festival had been held. These games have been held every four years since 1900 until 1936, when, because of war, they were postponed until 1948.

In the beginning, the Olympian Games were small and localized. The festival was primarily a religious celebration. Gradually, as its popularity spread and the number of participants increased, it became the most important of all public festivals in ancient Greece.

It is said that Heracles started the custom when he ordered games to be held at Olympus to celebrate a military victory. This custom of celebrating the end of a battle by holding athletic contests is related by Homer, too, but it probably goes back before his time.

Another tale is told about the origin of the games. Once, when the games were no longer held, it is said that an

oracle predicted that Greece would recover from her internal turmoil and trouble if the games were restored.

At first, the Olympian Games lasted only one day, but as contests were added that period of time became insufficient. By the 77th Olympiad (each festival was called an Olympiad), it was increased to five days.

We know that originally there were 24 events in each Olympian contest, but the exact order in which they were held has not been authentically determined. The foot race in the original Olympic Games seems to have come first, and was probably the most important. It was run in heats of four, and consisted of a single lap of the stadium, about 200 yards.

Wrestling, another important event, was highly regarded as a game that demanded a great amount of skill, strength and cleverness. Before the match, wrestlers were coated with oil, then sprinkled with sand, as a protection against bruises.

Then there was boxing. In both boxing and wrestling, skill rather than sheer brute strength was emphasized. The killing of an opponent accidentally brought about a severe penalty. Hence, there were few fatalities. Instead of wearing gloves, boxers wore leather thongs which were bound around their fists and wrists. Ear-guards were also used.

Later, a contest called the Pancratum, a combination of boxing and wrestling was added, and, still later, chariot races entered the lists. Because of the expense involved, only wealthy citizens could participate in this latter contest.

At the first Olympiads, victors received prizes of material value, but later, the sole prize was an olive wreath. Athletes competed for the mere joy of winning and the honor bestowed on their state. As the winner received his olive wreath, a herald announced his name, his family and his state or city. Then there was a grand procession to the temple of Zeus.

Today, of course, the Olympic Games are run much differently. The American Olympic Association is responsible for our participation. The American Committee is chosen by the Association prior to each meeting. Members of this committee are the President of the United States as honorary president, the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy, the American Ambassador to the country where the games are to be held and their Ambassador to this country.

Then, too, there are the honorary and regular officers of the Association and the officers of previous American Olympic Committees. The executive committee is made up of members of the association as well as the public at large. This committee chooses its own active officers who carry out the details of the organization.

Early contests were often marred by quarrels between countries. Also, the number of competitors were limited since they all came from a single area in the Mediterranean. But today, the Olympic Games demonstrate cooperation on an international basis because all nations of the world are represented.

—F. Banks

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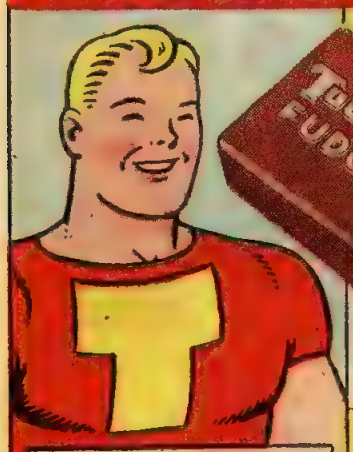

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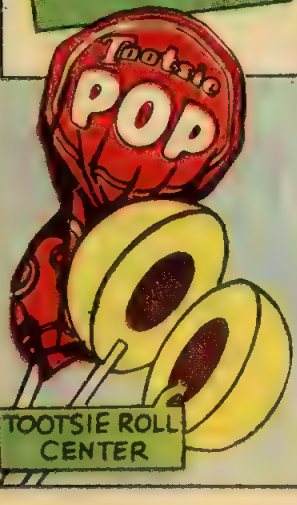

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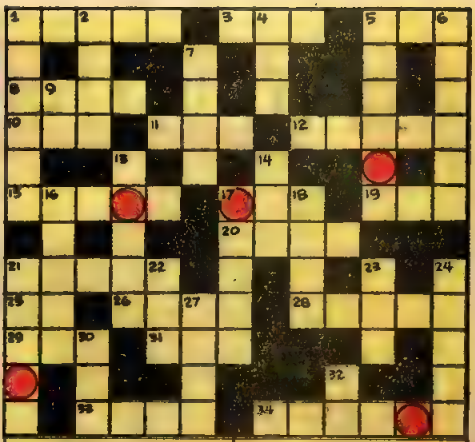

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1 *picture* (4)
3 TRIUMPH
5 SMALL CHILD
8 WANT; NEED
10 WRITING FLUID
11 WHAT A COW CHEWS
12 TO RAP
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17 STRIKE OUT
19 DECLARE
20 SUMMIT
21 ROYAL
25 CONJUNCTION
26 365 DAYS
28 YELLOW STONE
29 BODY OF WATER
31 ATTEMPT
33 SNOW VEHICLE
34 *picture* (2)

DOWN

1 GAS USED IN BALLOONS
2 SWAY BACK AND FORTH
4 SICK
5 PITCHES
6 *picture* (4)
7 URGE ON
9 INDEFINITE ARTICLE
13 WANDER
14 HEAD COVERING
16 MUSICAL DRAMA
17 IMAGINARY BEING
18 THE FOLLOWING ONE
21 *picture* (4)
22 ALLOW
23 WATCH SECRETLY
24 SKY BLUE
27 DRY
30 AFFIRMATIVE REPLY
32 PROCEED

The ANSWER

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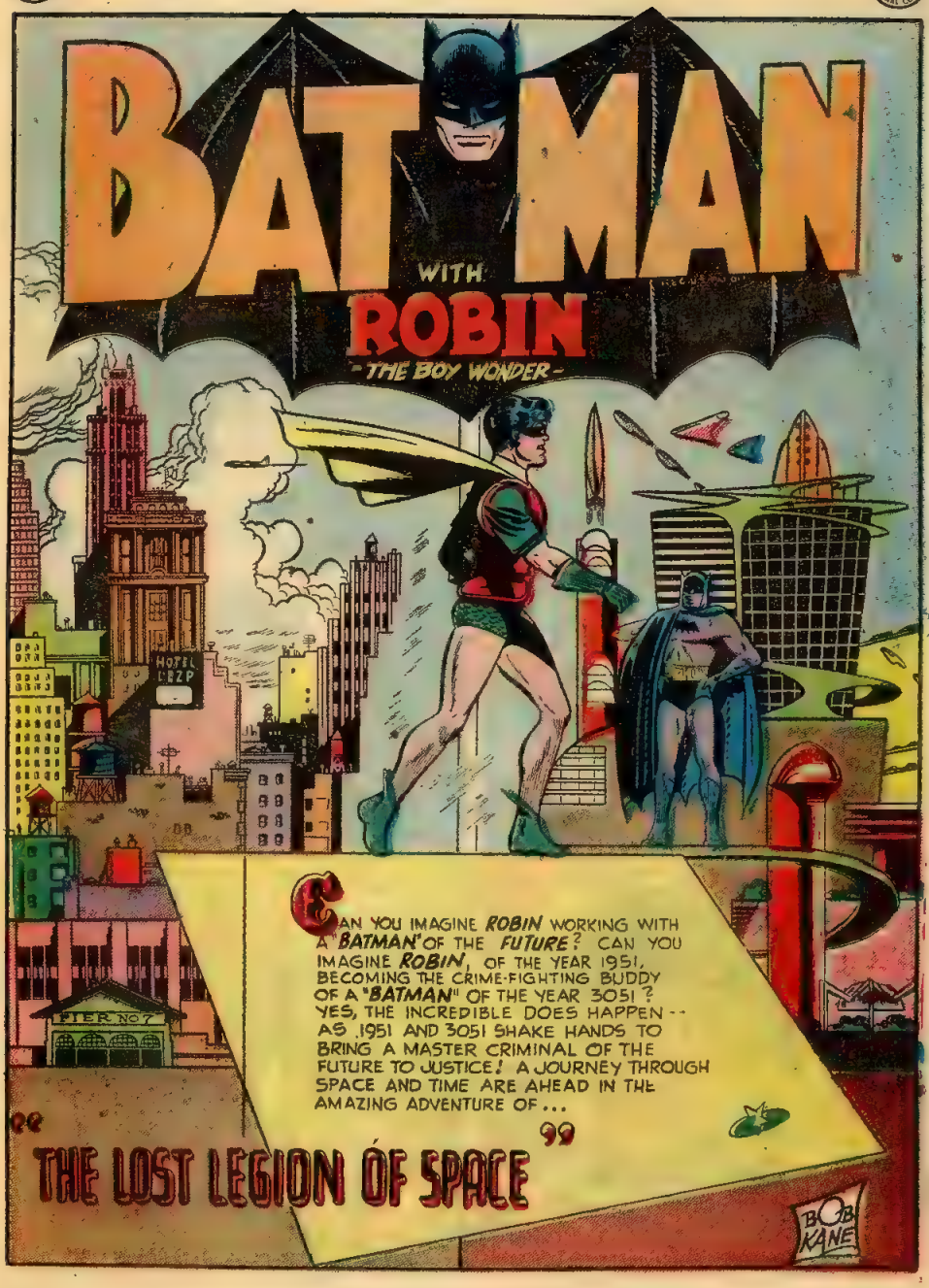
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
HOTEL
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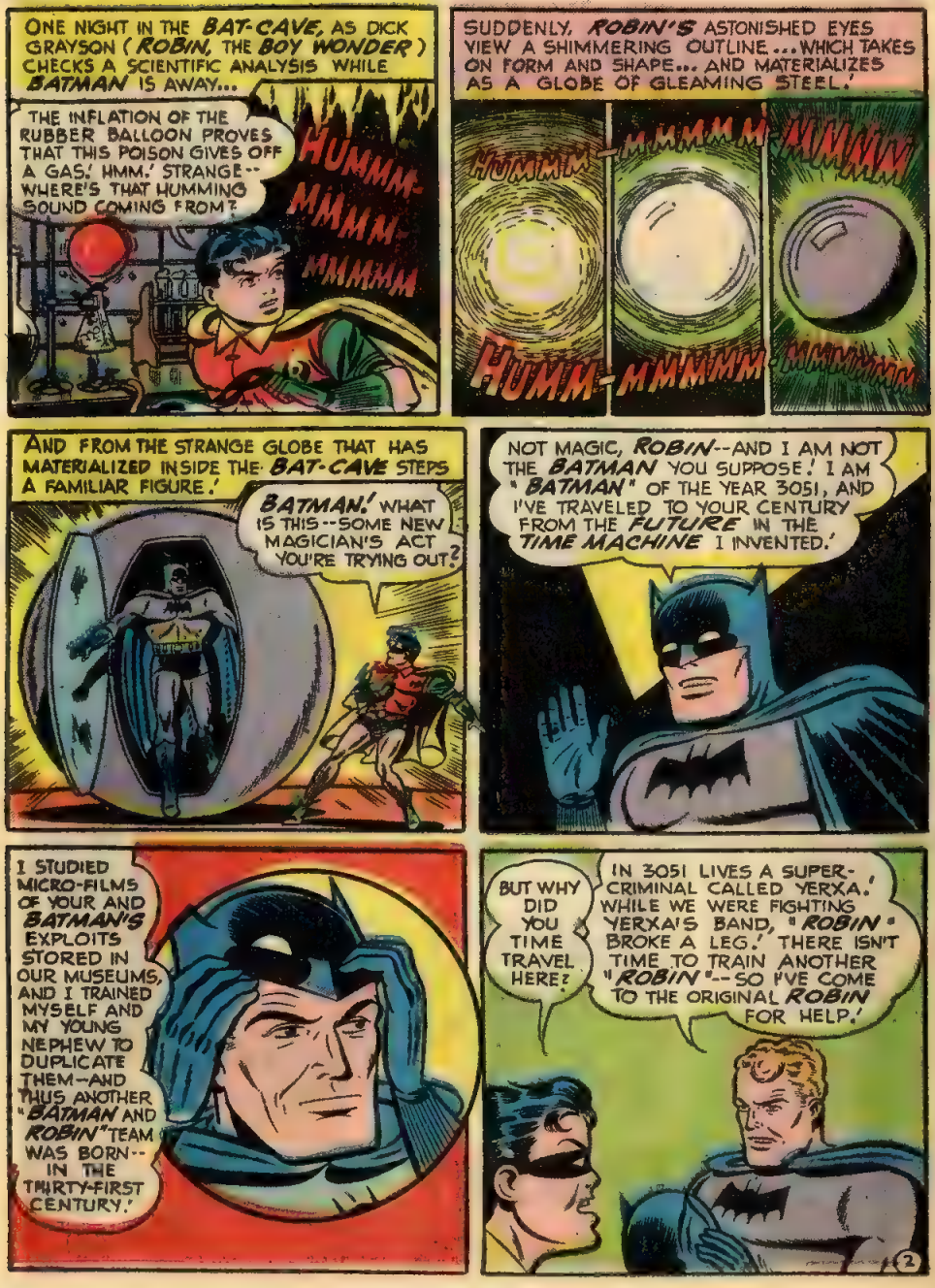
PIER NO 7
CAN YOU IMAGINE ROBIN WORKING WITH A "BATMAN" OF THE FUTURE? CAN YOU IMAGINE ROBIN, OF THE YEAR 1951, BECOMING THE CRIME-FIGHTING BUDDY OF A "BATMAN" OF THE YEAR 3051? YES, THE INCREDIBLE DOES HAPPEN -- AS 1951 AND 3051 SHAKE HANDS TO BRING A MASTER CRIMINAL OF THE FUTURE TO JUSTICE! A JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE AND TIME ARE AHEAD IN THE AMAZING ADVENTURE OF...
"THE LOST LEGION OF SPACE"
BOB KANE


ONE NIGHT IN THE BAT-CAVE, AS DICK GRAYSON (ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER) CHECKS A SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS WHILE BATMAN IS AWAY...
THE INFLATION OF THE RUBBER BALLOON PROVES THAT THIS POISON GIVES OFF A GAS! HMM! STRANGE-- WHERE'S THAT HUMMING SOUND COMING FROM?
HUMMM-MMMM-MMMM
SUDDENLY, ROBIN'S ASTONISHED EYES VIEW A SHIMMERING OUTLINE...WHICH TAKES ON FORM AND SHAPE... AND MATERIALIZES AS A GLOBE OF GLEAMING STEEL!
HUMMM-MMMM
HUMM-MMMM
AND FROM THE STRANGE GLOBE THAT HAS MATERIALIZED INSIDE THE BAT-CAVE STEPS A FAMILIAR FIGURE!
BATMAN! WHAT IS THIS--SOME NEW MAGICIAN'S ACT YOU'RE TRYING OUT?
NOT MAGIC, ROBIN--AND I AM NOT THE BATMAN YOU SUPPOSE! I AM "BATMAN" OF THE YEAR 3051, AND I'VE TRAVELED TO YOUR CENTURY FROM THE FUTURE IN THE TIME MACHINE I INVENTED!
I STUDIED MICRO-FILMS OF YOUR AND BATMAN'S EXPLOITS STORED IN OUR MUSEUMS, AND I TRAINED MYSELF AND MY YOUNG NEPHEW TO DUPLICATE THEM--AND THUS ANOTHER "BATMAN AND ROBIN" TEAM WAS BORN-- IN THE THIRTY-FIRST CENTURY!
BUT WHY DID YOU TIME TRAVEL HERE?
IN 3051 LIVES A SUPER-CRIMINAL CALLED YERXA! WHILE WE WERE FIGHTING YERXA'S BAND, "ROBIN" BROKE A LEG! THERE ISN'T TIME TO TRAIN ANOTHER "ROBIN"--SO I'VE COME TO THE ORIGINAL ROBIN FOR HELP!
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YOU WANT ME, ROBIN OF 1951, TO ACT AS A STAND-IN FOR MY IMITATOR, THE "ROBIN" OF 3051! HMM! IF I DIDN'T HELP, IT WOULD BE LIKE LETTING MYSELF DOWN! ALL RIGHT--I'LL DO IT!
PRESENTLY...
SO LONG, 1951! 3051, HERE I COME!
1960
2031
2418
2920
3050
HUMMMMMM
GOLLY, THE FUTURE!
YOU HAVE YOUR BATCAVE, BUT BECAUSE WE OF THE FUTURE LIVE SO MUCH IN THE SKY, IN THIS BUILDING I OWN, I BUILT MY SECRET BAT-BELFRY!
AND IN HERE IS SOMEBODY YOU SHOULD KNOW! ROBIN, 1951, MEET "ROBIN," 3051!
HELLO, ROBIN! IT IS GOOD OF YOU TO HELP US!
WELL, "ROBIN", WE BOY WONDERS HAVE TO STICK TOGETHER!
LATER, ROBIN LEARNS HOW SIMILAR ARE THE PATTERNS OF THE LIFE OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE BATMEN!
YOU HAVE A TROPHY ROOM, TOO!
NATURALLY! THERE IS A MOLE-MACHINE USED BY THE MIDGET PIRATES OF MERCURY! AND THAT IS A RAZOR-EDGED THROWING RING USED BY A VENUSIAN KILLER!
3

HE LEARNS THAT, LIKE BRUCE WAYNE, THE FUTURE "*BATMAN*" ASSUMES THE POSE OF A RICH MAN-ABOUT-TOWN, BRANE TAYLOR, TO COVER UP HIS CRIME-FIGHTING IDENTITY...

OH, I SHALL PROBABLY FLY TO THE NICE WARM SANDS OF MARS FOR MY VACATION.'

BRANE, LIFE IS ONE LONG VACATION FOR YOU.'

BUT IT IS NOT AN IDLING SOCIETY SCION WHO NOW SPEAKS GRIMLY TO THE ORIGINAL *BOY WONDER*...

THIS IS YERXA--SOLAR SYSTEM BANDIT.' ONLY YESTERDAY, "*ROBIN*" AND I ATTACKED ONE OF YERXA'S STRONGHOLDS, IN OUR *BATSHIP*!...

"WE HAD SET THE *BATSHIP* STABILIZERS AND WERE SLIDING DOWN OUR PLASTIC LASSOS..."

BATMAN AND *ROBIN*!

QUICKLY! LET THEM HAVE A SAMPLE OF OUR *SECRET WEAPON*.'

"SUDDENLY, THEY WHEELED OUT A HUGE MIRROR WHICH FOCUSED THE RAYS OF THE SUN ON THE *BATSHIP* AND..."

LOOK.' THE *BATSHIP* IS WITHERING UNDER THAT TERRIBLE HEAT.'

THE HEAT WILL FINISH US NEXT UNLESS WE *JUMP*! IT'S OUR *ONLY CHANCE*!

"IT WAS A LONG DROP AND THAT IS HOW *ROBIN* BROKE HIS LEG.' YERXA'S MEN ESCAPED, BUT ANOTHER MORE DREADFUL THOUGHT HORRIFIED US!"

I--I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.' BUT THAT MIRROR--DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?

YES--SOMEHOW YERXA HAS COME INTO POSSESSION OF *VULCANITE*.' WE MUST WARN THE AUTHORITIES AT ONCE.'

WHAT IS *VULCANITE*?

A NEW ELEMENT FOUND ONLY ON A TINY ASTEROID CALLED *VULCAN*.' WHEN VULCANITE IS COMBINED WITH GLASS, IT CONCENTRATES THE SUN'S HEAT TO AN UNBELIEVABLE DEGREE. IT COULD BE A TERRIBLE WEAPON.'

THAT IS WHY; TO KEEP VULCANITE FROM FALLING INTO EVIL HANDS, THE EARTH GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ALL VULCANITE ORE.' BUT NOW, YERXA HAS VULCANITE.'
SINCE YERXA COULDN'T STEAL IT FROM EARTH VAULTS, HE MUST HAVE SMUGGLED IT OFF VULCAN SOMEHOW.' AND THAT'S WHY YOU AND I ARE GOING TO JOIN THE LOST LEGION ON VULCAN.'
WHAT'S THE LOST LEGION?
ORBIT OF SATURN
ORBIT OF JUPITER
ORBIT OF MARS
ORBIT OF EARTH
ORBIT OF VENUS
ORBIT OF MERCURY
SUN
ORBIT OF VULCAN
A PLACE HOTTER, DRIER THAN THE SAHARA DESERT.' THAT IS VULCAN.' IT IS SO UNBEARABLE THAT CONVICTED CRIMINALS ARE GIVEN A CHOICE -- LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON EARTH -- OR A PARDON AFTER MINING VULCANITE FOR FIVE YEARS.' THOSE WHO ACCEPT VULCAN ARE CALLED THE LOST LEGION.'
TO LEARN HOW YERXA STEALS VULCANITE, THE EARTH POLICE WILL "ARREST" US AND SHIP US TO VULCAN.' NOW, KNOWING THAT, DO YOU STILL WANT TO HELP?
I NEVER WENT BACK ON MY WORD YET.'
HOURS LATER, ACCORDING TO PLAN, PRISON SPACE SHIP 25 ROCKETS INTO THE INTERSTELLAR VOID, BEARING TWO "PRISONERS" FOR THE LOST LEGION.'
UNTIL AT LAST -- THE SPACE SHIP SETTLES ON THE DRY, OUTPOST WORLD NEAR THE BLAZING SUN -- VULCAN.'
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AS THE PRISON SHIP LANDS ITS PASSENGERS, LOST LEGIONNAIRES COME UP TO INVESTIGATE...
LOOK! BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HAD ME ARRESTED.
I WOULDN'T BE HERE, BUT FOR THEM.
COME ON, MEN--LET'S GIVE THEM A GOING-OVER.
HERE'S WHERE WE GET EVEN.
KILL 'EM.
LEGIONNAIRES--STOP! THEY ARE NOT BATMAN AND ROBIN. THESE MEN WERE ARRESTED BECAUSE THEY WERE IMPOSTORS.
LOOK, GUARD! IF THEY'RE FAKES, THEN WHY AREN'T THEY WEARING CLOTHES LIKE OURS?
BECAUSE THE JURY HAS DECIDED THEY MUST ALWAYS WEAR THOSE COSTUMES WHILE SERVING SENTENCE, TO REMIND THEM NEVER TO IMPERSONATE BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN WEAR OUR MASKS TO PROTECT OUR SECRET IDENTITIES.
SORRY I BLASTED OFF, PAL! BUT WEARING THAT COSTUME IS LIKE WAVING A RED FLAG BEFORE A BULL! WHAT'S YOUR REAL NAME?
MUSCLES McCOY! MY LITTLE SIDEKICK HERE IS MY BROTHER MIDGE!
SOON AFTER, THE NEW RECRUITS ARE TAKEN TO THE BARRACKS TO MEET THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES...
THAT'S GREENIE! HIS SKIN TURNED COLOR WHEN HE CAUGHT THE SWAMP FEVER IN HIS HIDEOUT IN THE JUNGLES OF VENUS!
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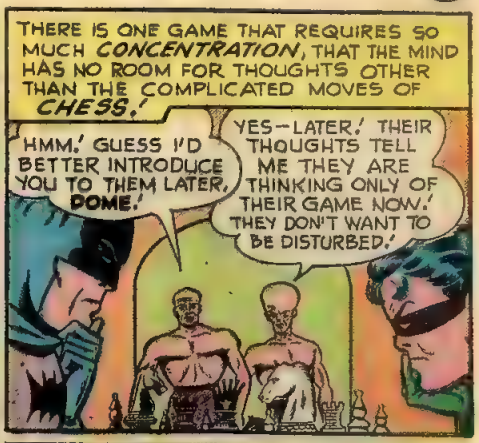
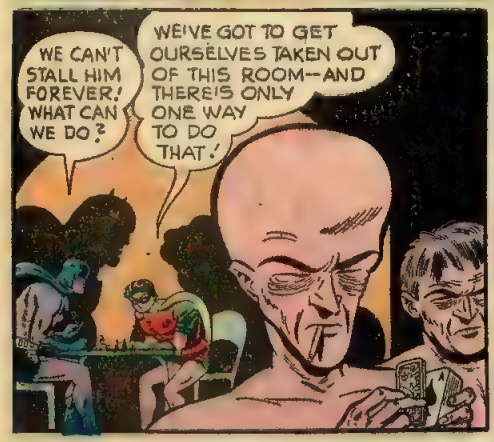
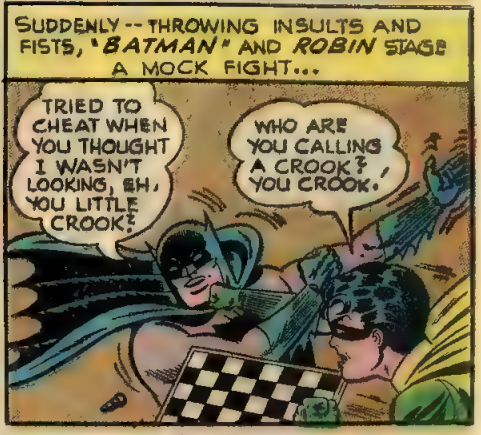
THAT'S WILLIE THE WHITTLER.' HE'S ALWAYS CARVING OUT THE STRANGE BEASTS HE'S SEEN ON OTHER PLANETS WHEN HE WAS A SPACE PIRATE.'
THAT'S THE JUGGLER.' HE'S FOREVER JUGGLING BALLS REPRESENTING THE PLANETS.' HE THINKS HE IS A GIANT TOYING WITH THE SOLAR SYSTEM.' HE'S MAD -- BUT HARMLESS.'
YOU'LL MEET THE OTHERS, YOURSELF.' WE'LL ALL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER PRETTY WELL.' WE'RE ALL ONE HAPPY FAMILY HERE.'
YEAH.' COZY, AIN'T IT?
HAW! HAW! HOME SWEET HOME.'
THE RIFF-RAFF OF THE NINE PLANETS--KILLERS, THIEVES, BLACKGUARDS, THESE ARE THE STRANGE NEW COMPANIONS FOR THE CRIME-FIGHTERS.'
DID I EVER TELL YOU HOW I GOT SIX EARTH POLICE WITH ONE CHARGE FROM MY BLAST-GUN?
I WAS DRILLING INTO THE JUPITER BANK WHEN A ROBOT COP NABBED ME.'
I WAS HEAD OF THE MOON SWINDLE-- REMEMBER IT?
NEXT MORNING, UNDER THE CRUEL SUN, THE BATMAN OF THE FUTURE AND THE ROBIN OF THE PAST LABOR IN THE MINE PITS OF VULCAN...
THAT SUN-- SO HOT-- IT SAPS ALL YOUR STRENGTH--
FIVE YEARS ON THIS DEVILISH ROCK--OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON EARTH.' MANY'S THE TIME I THINK I MADE THE WRONG CHOICE.'
ME, TOO!

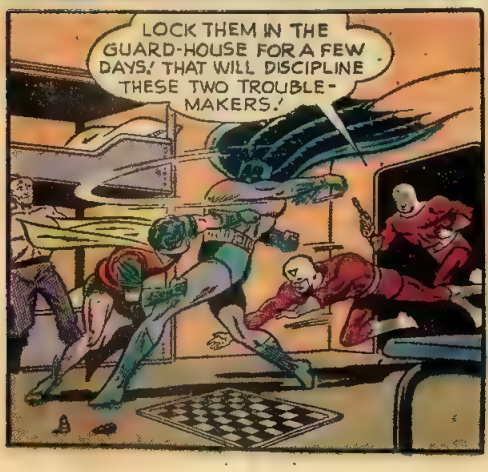
HOLD IT, KID! ONLY THE GREEN STUFF IS VULCANITE! THAT ORANGE STUFF IS JUST PLAIN ROCK-- BUT WE PILE IT UP FOR THE GOBBLERS!
THE GOBBLERS?
HERE THEY COME NOW! THEY'RE MINERAL EATERS --EAT ROCK! THE ONLY ROCK THEY WON'T EAT IS VULCANITE--GIVES THEM INDIGESTION!
BUT THEY LOVE THAT ORANGE ROCK-- EAT IT LIKE CANDY! SO WE SAVE ALL THE ORANGE ROCK FOR THEM--KIND OF LIKE A PEACE OFFERING!
THIS IS A STRANGE WORLD!
AFTER THIS REST PERIOD--BACK TO WORK-- UNTIL FINALLY THE TWIN MOONS OF VULCAN SIGNAL QUITTING TIME...
LOOK! IT'S THE DOME! HE FINALLY GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL! HE WAS PRETTY SICK FOR AWHILE!
GLAD TO SEE YOU, DOME... UHHH!
YOU LIE! YOU'RE THINKING, "IT'S TOO BAD THE BIG-HEADED FOOL DIDN'T DIE."
HOW COULD THE DOME KNOW WHAT THAT MAN WAS THINKING?
THE DOME HAS DEVELOPED HIS BRAIN POWER TO SUCH AN AMAZING DEGREE THAT HE CAN READ MINDS! YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF WHEN YOU MEET HIM!

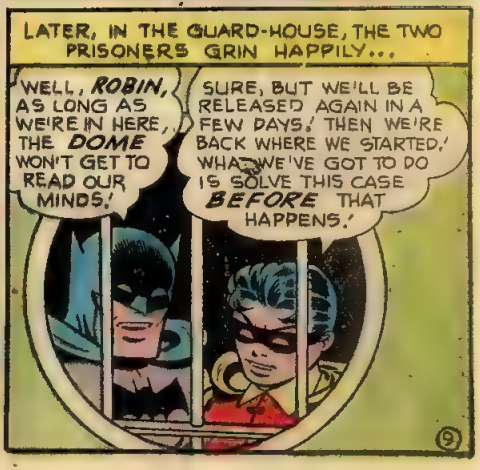
ROBIN, IF HE GETS THE CHANCE TO READ OUR MINDS, HE'LL KNOW WHO WE REALLY ARE AND WHY WE'RE HERE.'
WE CAN'T AVOID HIM IN THE BARRACKS-- BUT WE CAN TRY TO OUTWIT HIM.' WE'RE GOING TO PLAY A GAME...


THERE IS ONE GAME THAT REQUIRES SO MUCH CONCENTRATION, THAT THE MIND HAS NO ROOM FOR THOUGHTS OTHER THAN THE COMPLICATED MOVES OF CHESS.'
HMM.' GUESS I'D BETTER INTRODUCE YOU TO THEM LATER, DOME.'
YES--LATER.' THEIR THOUGHTS TELL ME THEY ARE THINKING ONLY OF THEIR GAME NOW.' THEY DON'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED.'


WE CAN'T STALL HIM FOREVER.' WHAT CAN WE DO?
WE'VE GOT TO GET OURSELVES TAKEN OUT OF THIS ROOM--AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DO THAT.'


SUDDENLY -- THROWING INSULTS AND FISTS, "BATMAN" AND ROBIN STAGE A MOCK FIGHT...
TRIED TO CHEAT WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING, EH, YOU LITTLE CROOK?
WHO ARE YOU CALLING A CROOK? YOU CROOK.'


LOCK THEM IN THE GUARD-HOUSE FOR A FEW DAYS.' THAT WILL DISCIPLINE THESE TWO TROUBLE-MAKERS.'


LATER, IN THE GUARD-HOUSE, THE TWO PRISONERS GRIN HAPPILY...
WELL, ROBIN, AS LONG AS WE'RE IN HERE, THE DOME WON'T GET TO READ OUR MINDS.'
SURE, BUT WE'LL BE RELEASED AGAIN IN A FEW DAYS.' THEN WE'RE BACK WHERE WE STARTED.' WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS SOLVE THIS CASE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS.'
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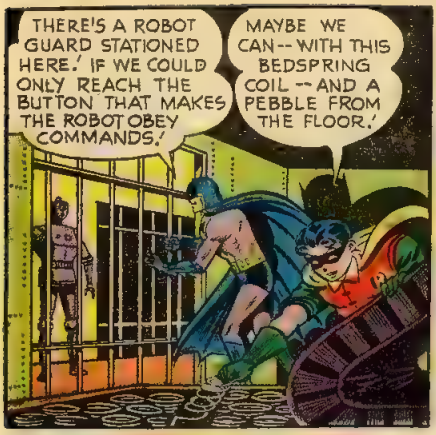
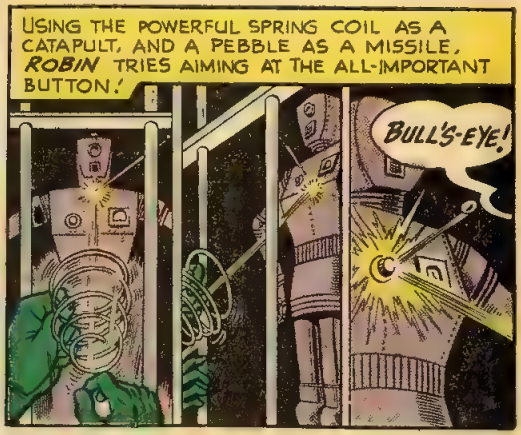
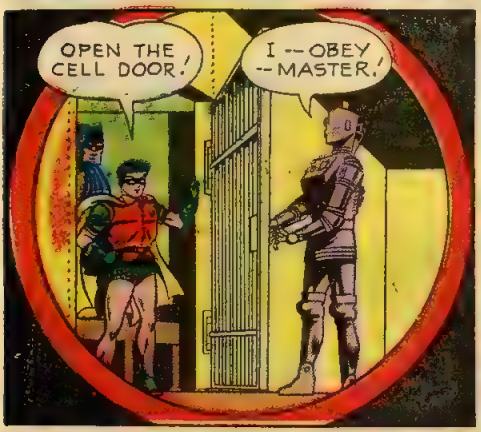
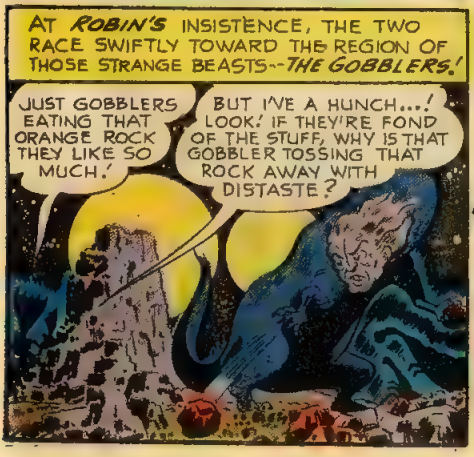

THERE'S A ROBOT GUARD STATIONED HERE.' IF WE COULD ONLY REACH THE BUTTON THAT MAKES THE ROBOT OBEY COMMANDS.'
MAYBE WE CAN -- WITH THIS BEDSPRING COIL -- AND A PEBBLE FROM THE FLOOR.'


USING THE POWERFUL SPRING COIL AS A CATAPULT, AND A PEBBLE AS A MISSILE, ROBIN TRIES AIMING AT THE ALL-IMPORTANT BUTTON.'
BULL'S-EYE!


OPEN THE CELL DOOR.'
I -- OBEY -- MASTER.'

SOON AFTER, ONLY THE GREAT EYES THAT ARE THE TWIN MOONS OF VULCAN SEE THE CRIME-BUSTERS MOVE FURTIVELY TOWARD THE MINE PITS...
WHY SO CURIOUS ABOUT THOSE CANS OF PAINT?
I KNOW THEY'RE BEING USED TO PAINT THE STORAGE SHED -- BUT A CLEVER MAN MIGHT GIVE THEM ANOTHER USE.'


AT ROBIN'S INSISTENCE, THE TWO RACE SWIFTLY TOWARD THE REGION OF THOSE STRANGE BEASTS -- THE GOBBLERS.'
JUST GOBBLERS EATING THAT ORANGE ROCK THEY LIKE SO MUCH.'
BUT I'VE A HUNCH...' LOOK.' IF THEY'RE FOND OF THE STUFF, WHY IS THAT GOBBLER TOSSING THAT ROCK AWAY WITH DISTASTE?

AND LATER, WHEN THE GOBBLERS LEAVE...
BY THE MOONS OF SATURN,' ORANGE PAINT -- ON PURE VULCANITE ORE.' AND THE GOBBLERS HATE VULCANITE.' NO WONDER THEY DISCARDED THESE PAINTED ROCKS.'
YES -- HERE'S ONE PART OF THE SMUGGLING SCHEME.' AND WE'LL SOON SEE THE REST OF THE SMUGGLING OPERATION.' WE'VE GOT TO HIDE AGAIN -- FAST.'

SOMETIME AFTER--A SLEEK SPACE SHIP PLUMMETS FROM THE SKIES TO LAND QUIETLY ON VULCAN...
YERXA AND HIS BAND! WHAT A MASTERLY SIMPLE SMUGGLING SCHEME! THE PAINTED ROCK, DISCARDED BY THE GOBBLERS, IS MERELY PICKED UP BY THE SCOUNDRELS!
THERE'S THE LEGIONNAIRE WHO PAINTED THE VULCANITE -- THE DOME!
WE MUST STOP YERXA NOW! IF WE COULD ONLY DISTRACT HIS CREW WE COULD GET INTO THE ROCKET SHIP--
SUDDENLY, ROBIN HOLDS UP SOMETHING...
A CHILD'S BALLOON! CHILDREN OF 3051 HAVE ADVANCED TOYS, BUT I'VE SEEN BALLOONS IN OUR MUSEUMS!
I'D POCKETED IT WHEN YOUR TIME MACHINE MATERIALIZED IN THE BAT-CAVE! "BATMAN," WITH LUCK, THIS ORDINARY BALLOON FROM MY WORLD OF THE PAST--MAY SAVE YOUR WORLD OF THE FUTURE!
MOMENTS LATER, ALL THE BANDITS TURN THEIR EYES UPON AN EERIE, DISEMBODIED "HEAD" FLOATING SKYWARD...
LOOK! A HEAD--WITH NO BODY--FLOATING ABOVE US!
IT MUST BE A FORM OF LIFE ON VULCAN I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT!
THE RUSE WORKS--FOR THE CRIME-FIGHTERS GAIN THE SPACE SHIP UNOBSERVED. THEN, WITH A ROAR OF THE MOTORS--THEY ATTACK!
NOW YOU FUTURE FELONS ARE GOING TO SEE ANOTHER TRICK FROM THE PAST--
--OLD-FASHIONED WILD WEST STEER-ROPING!

MUSCLES AND MIDGE McCOY! BUT NO -- YOUR THOUGHTS TELL ME YOU ARE IMPOSTORS!
RIGHT, DOME! WE'RE NOT THE REAL McCOYS!
I'LL BLAST YOU, BATM...
DROP THAT PROTON GUN!
UHH-- I'M HIT!
HE'S DYING! FATE HAS GUARDED MY SECRET IDENTITY! HE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TELL ANYONE THAT I'M BRANE!
THEN COMES THE TASK OF HERDING THE MANACLED PRISONERS INTO THE SPACE SHIP...
YERXA LOOKS DAZED, AS IF HE STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THE DOME IS DEAD! ALL HIS PLANS ARE DEAD, TOO!
YES, AND NOW WE'RE TAKING HIM BACK TO EARTH TO STAND TRIAL!
HOURS LATER, AFTER YERXA IS DELIVERED TO EARTH POLICE...
THEY'RE BRINGING YERXA TO TRIAL TODAY?
YES-- AND I'LL HAVE TO BE THERE AS BRANE-- TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIM! YOU SEE, A MONTH AGO YERXA'S BAND ROBBED A FEW CARGO SHIPS I OWN!
AFTERWARD, THE TWO BOY WONDERS VIEW YERXA'S TRIAL VIA THE TELESCREEN...
YERXA, HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY BEFORE JUDGMENT IS PASSED UPON YOU?
YES! MY CAREER AS SPACE PIRATE HAS BEEN EXPOSED AND WRECKED-- BUT AT LEAST I CAN EXPOSE AND WRECK THE CAREER OF YOUR PRECIOUS BATMAN!
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YOU NEVER KNEW IT, BUT THE *DOME* LIVED ON FOR A FEW MOMENTS -- AND BEFORE HE DIED HE REVEALED THE SECRET IDENTITY OF *BATMAN!* YOU, *BRANE TAYLOR*, WHO POSES AS A WEALTHY SOCIALITE... YOU ARE *BATMAN!*

THE *DOME* NEVER MADE A MISTAKE! YOUR MIND TOLD HIM YOU ARE *BATMAN!* YOU CAN'T DENY IT, CAN YOU? WELL, BRANE -- SPEAK UP!

I--I--

OHHH! THE *BATMAN* OF THE FUTURE IS FINISHED! FINISHED!

NOW THE COURTROOM IS A BEDLAM OF EXCITED VOICES! VAINLY, THE JUDGE POUNDS HIS GAVEL TO RESTORE ORDER...

SILENCE -- OR I MUST CLEAR THE COURTROOM!

BATMAN IS BRANE TAYLOR!

WHO'D HAVE BELIEVED IT!

BRANE HASN'T DENIED IT YET!

FINALLY, MINUTES LATER, WHEN ORDER IS RESTORED -- SUDDENLY A BREATHTAKING FIGURE CATAPULTS INTO VIEW!

LOOK! IT'S *BATMAN!*

LANDING LITHELY, THE COWLED FIGURE FACES YERXA!

WELL, YERXA, NOW ARE YOU SO POSITIVE BRANE TAYLOR IS ME?

I--I--MUST HAVE MADE A MISTAKE -- THAT IS, THE *DOME* WAS MISTAKEN -- I--I--

SO, BRANE TAYLOR'S IDENTITY IS SECURE, BUT LATER, AN EXPLANATION CLEARS UP EVERYTHING...

IT'S SIMPLE! I JUST USED THE TIME MACHINE AND WENT BACK INTO THE PAST TO GET THE *REAL BATMAN!*

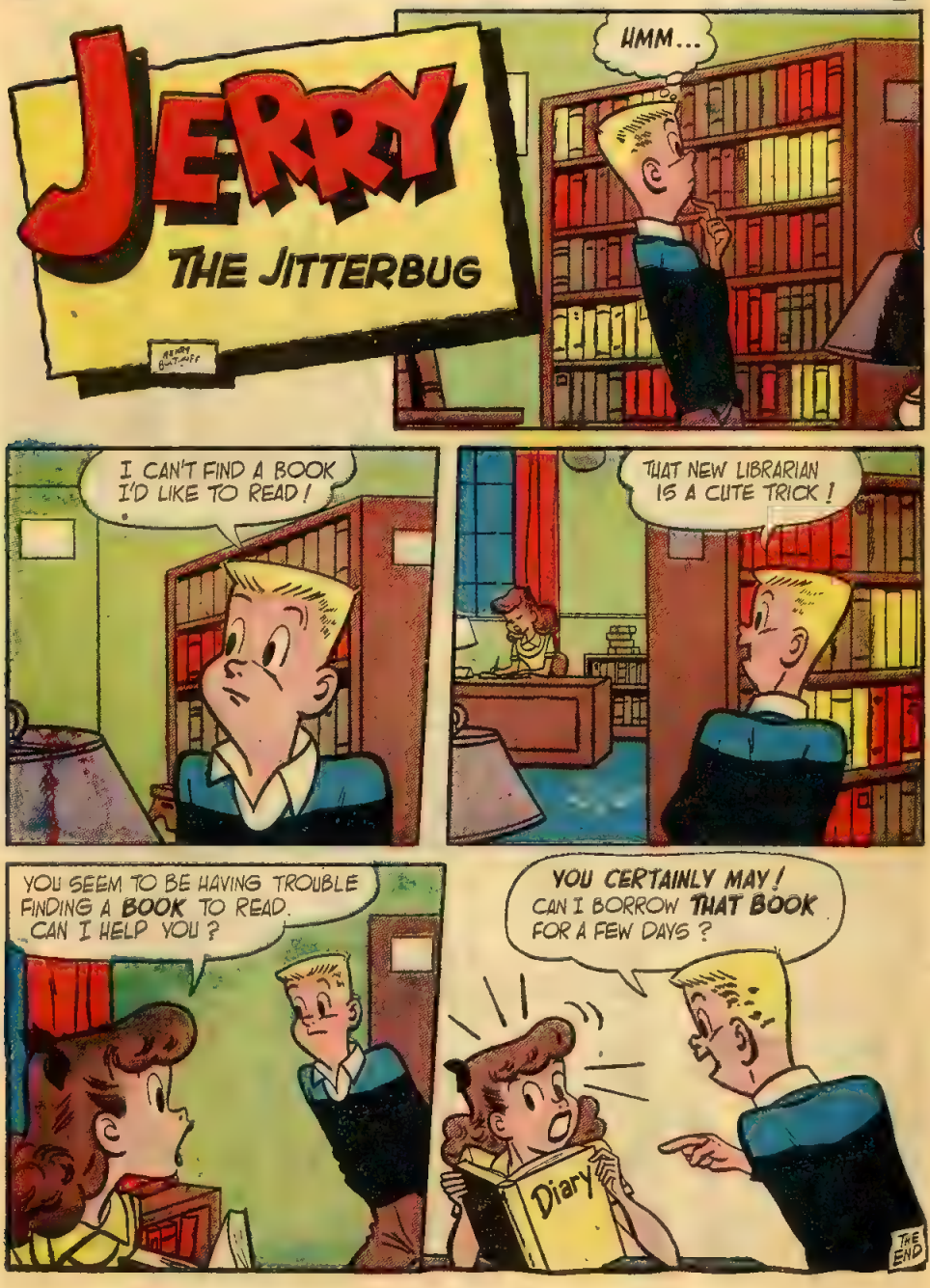
IT'S TRULY AMAZING -- AND WONDERFUL -- THAT THE *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* OF THE PAST HAVE SAVED THE *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* OF THE FUTURE!

AND PRESENTLY, THE PAST AND THE FUTURE SHAKE HANDS AND SAY FAREWELL...

GOODBYE, *BATMAN* AND *ROBIN* -- COME AND VISIT US AGAIN SOON!

WE WILL! SO LONG -- 3051!

THE END


JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
HMM...
I CAN'T FIND A BOOK I'D LIKE TO READ!
THAT NEW LIBRARIAN IS A CUTE TRICK!
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A BOOK TO READ. CAN I HELP YOU?
YOU CERTAINLY MAY! CAN I BORROW THAT BOOK FOR A FEW DAYS?
Diary
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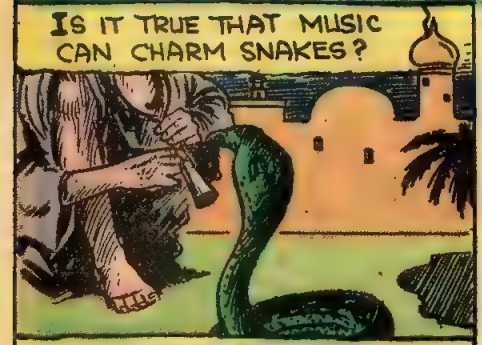
QUICK QUIZ

IS IT TRUE THAT MUSIC CAN CHARM SNAKES?

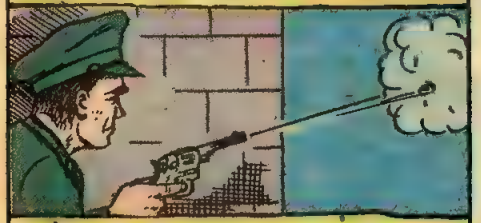


THIS IS A FALLACY.... SINCE SNAKES CANNOT HEAR!

WOULD A SUBMARINE CRUISING 60 FEET BELOW THE SURFACE BE AFFECTED BY A TERRIFIC STORM?

NO....BECAUSE A STORM AFFECTS MERELY THE SURFACE OF THE OCEAN!

IN FIRING A GUN....WHICH COMES OUT FIRST...THE BULLET OR THE NOISE?



THE BULLET! THE NOISE IS CAUSED BY THE EXPLODING CHARGE DISTURBING THE AIR *AFTER* THE BULLET LEAVES THE GUN!

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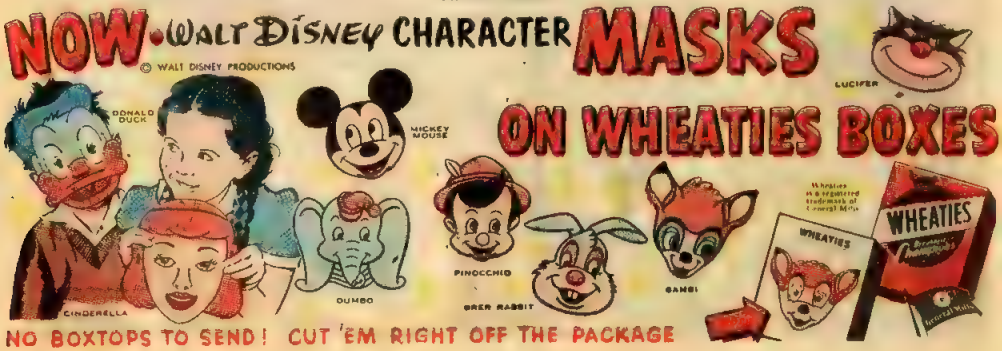

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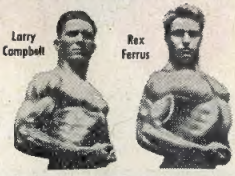

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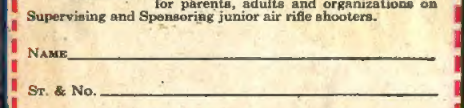

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